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OF THE

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OF THE

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held on Tuesday May 10th 1887, in the Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 48th St. The large audience by their presence bore witness that they were friends of missions.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by Rev. Chas. I. Shepard. The service opened by the singing of hymn 723, after which Rev. Dr. Wm. Ormiston read Scripture lessons from Isa. xii and Phil. iv—Prayer was by Rev. I. P. Brokaw

The Report of the Foreign Corresponding Secretaries was read by Rev. Dr. Lewis Francis. The list of the twenty-seven new Auxiliaries formed during the year was read, and a statement of the Treasurer's Report was made by Rev. Dr. H. N. Cobb.

After the singing of hymn 722, the Report of the Nominating Committee was read by Dr. Ormiston.

Addresses were then delivered by Rev. Dr. A. E. Kittredge, Rev. Eugene S. Booth of Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, and Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain our recently appointed missionary to India.

Previous to the adjournment of the meeting Miss May King M. D.—a Chinese young lady who has been accepted as

our medical missionary for the Amoy field was introduced to the assembly by Dr. Cobb, whose remarks were supplemented with words of cordial and hearty approbation by Dr. Ormiston.

The audience united in singing the Doxology, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Paul D. Van Cleef.



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
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OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

A YEAR, always a long period in anticipation, is usually very brief in the retrospect. It is yet true, as in the days of the Psalmist, that we spend our years as a tale that is told. Was it yesterday that we gathered in this beautiful edifice to listen to the story of the year's progress?

Or is that anniversary already a twelve-month past, as in the blossoming May, we once more rally the clans for the cordial hand-clasp, the fervid greeting, the thankful God-speed on the way?

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us! Pausing at this thirteenth milestone, we remember His mercies, and take fresh heart for renewed effort. To the representatives of twenty-seven new Auxiliaries added to the Woman's Board since our last anniversary, we extend our warmest welcome, glad that they will share with us the burden and the task, the conflict and the victory.

To fellow-workers who have been long in this organization, some even from the beginning, this anniversary comes fraught with reasons for unusual joy. We cannot but hope

that the thrill of gladness in our assembly will reach and touch the patient toilers at the front, the missionaries whose story of diligence and faith it is our privilege to repeat. We talk of the romance of missions, but in the plain every-day life and work of missionary women there is little of that element, except as we compare the results in heathen homes, with the state of things which prevails before they are enlightened by the true religion.

AMOY, CHINA.

Seven ladies are connected with our mission at Amoy. The frequent and vivid letters of Mrs. Talmage and her daughters, and Mrs. Kipp, have kept readers of the *Mission Gleaner* informed about the affairs of this mission. Under the efficient care of the Misses Mary and Kitty Talmage, the Girls' School at Kolong-Su, has continued its excellent work with thirty-four pupils upon its roll, one of whom, a dear girl who had been converted and was expecting soon to unite with the church, was called in October, to her heavenly home. She passed peacefully hence, trusting in the precious Saviour. Four pupils from this school confessed Christ and were received into the church last summer. The Charlotte W. Duryea Bible School has afforded an opportunity to women from the villages to study the Bible, returning after a period of instruction to tell their people at home what they have themselves learned. With wonderful perseverance and fidelity this preparatory work is undertaken and pursued. Many of the women who attend are old and stupid, and find it difficult to understand and remember truths which are easy of comprehension to our own little children. Yet when we remember that impressions are not enduring in later life, that it would be almost impossible for any of us, youth being past, to acquire a foreign tongue, and use it with facility, we need not

be surprised at the slowness of these elderly peasant women. Rather are we moved to admire their steadfast endeavors, and reprov'd by the docility with which they ignore defeat, and try the same battle over and over. Often with childlike faith they are heard asking Jesus to help them when the lesson is hard, confident that he will not refuse to enlighten their ignorance. The conservatism of the country forbids the employment of young women as Bible readers, so that only the middle-aged, going out two and two, like the earliest disciples, can carry their precious portions of the New Testament to their friends and neighbors.

Among other labors of love, Miss Kitty Talmage, in connection with a lady belonging to the Presbyterian Mission at Amoy, prepares every year a little book of Spiritual Food, with a text for each Sunday. Translation is one of the most blessed portions of the missionary's work. At a station which she visited, Mrs. Kipp found six women who were able to repeat perfectly all the texts for a year.

The journeys frequently undertaken by our missionary ladies to country stations in China, are full of hardship. Jogging along over rough roads, in conveyances infested with vermin, stopping at primitive mud-walled inns where their toilets are inspected by curious crowds of men and boys, where the dirt of the beds and of the straw-strewn floor frightens sleep from the weary eyes, one hears from these self-denying gentlewomen no note of complaint. Their letters are bright and cheery, and if there is any fun to be extracted from the situation, you may trust them to find it. Neither fatigue nor privations daunt these brave and matchless souls, whose courage and strength are an inspiration to us at home.

INDIA.

In surveying the past year, we gratefully acknowledge the new understanding which our beloved Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have given us of India's need, and their practical advice about supplying that need. Under their enthusiastic and judicious guidance, we, who cannot personally go to India, have learned much of the work of each department, and have been shown how to respond heartily and effectively.

Let us first glance at

VELLORE.

We always feel encouraged and inspired when Mrs. Jared W. Scudder speaks. If there is a bright side she always reports it. This year the health of the seminary pupils has been remarkably good. They are now rejoicing over a large grant for needle and fancy work. Eight girls during the year have made public profession of their faith in Christ, five have married Christian husbands and gone with them to various parts of the mission field.

Miss Julia C. Scudder who has charge of the Hindu Girls' Schools at Vellore thus described the appearance of the pupils at the prize distribution in January:

"Many of the girls who have wealthy parents appeared elegantly dressed, and as is the Hindu custom, profusely decorated with costly jewels. Heads, ears, noses, necks, waists, ankles and even toes glittered with gold and silver and precious stones. While a cultivated taste might perhaps reflect upon so lavish a decoration of individuals, the general effect produced by a large assemblage of young girls thus embellished, is certainly brilliant. So, judging from the gratified expression of their faces, thought the parents and friends of the pupils. After a brief recitation of lessons, interspersed with the singing of Tamil and Telugu hymns, the prizes were

given to the children and they went home, pressing dolls, work boxes and books to delighted hearts."

These schools, which number on their rolls two hundred and thirty-two pupils, have struggled with special discouragements the past year. The usual examinations for "result grants" have been omitted. Miss Scudder writes, "In 1885 the government examination was held five months earlier than was anticipated, and as a matter of course, the pupils were but poorly prepared, both for it and for promotion to the higher standards. This year, we are as unexpectedly notified that the next examination is postponed to the end of February. Teachers and pupils are disheartened by the arbitrary prolongation of the term and quite a number of the latter have left."

Another discouragement was the establishing by some Hindu gentlemen of an opposition school, within a stone's throw of the Arasamaran School. At first this threatened to draw away many pupils, but the result has been that the number in attendance at the Mission School has increased, and the opposition school removed to a greater distance.

But the work which lies nearest the heart of Miss J. C. Scudder and the work in which we specially desire to enlist our Auxiliaries, is the Zenana work. In answer to some minute inquiries, she tells the story of how she came into the work.

"Several of my former pupils sent word to me that they were very anxious to learn fancy work, and begged me to come and teach them at their homes, as they were not allowed to come out. I had been wishing for some time to start the Zenana work here, and now it seemed to me as if God had opened the way directly. So I went to one of our women in our congregation and asked her if she would be

willing to do a little work for Christ. She readily consented to accompany me to these heathen homes, and so we went. I taught the fancy work, and while thus engaged, she read them a Bible story, after which we all had a talk. Sometimes I would sing to them.

"We worked on thus for nearly a year when one of my mother's former scholars, a Christian girl, who had been married several years ago from our Seminary, came to Vellore, begging for some work to support herself and child. Her husband had forsaken her. She was willing to begin Zenana work on the small salary the mission had to offer, and it seemed as if God's hand was in this again.

"She has been in the work a year, and visits in ten different homes. Once a month, or once a fortnight I visit her houses myself. The Hindus are a very affectionate people, and I am as fond of my pupils as I would be of any girls at home. My heart gave a bound when I read the words, 'Practical Help for the Zenana Work.' They are the first I have heard and I have waited long."

Can the Woman's Board fail to respond to the command :
 "Go up and possess this goodly land of Hindu homes!"

Mrs. John Scudder of Tindivanam, writes of the painful lack of medical care for the Christian women of India. The wife of one of the native helpers was in need of hospital treatment last fall, and application was made for her admittance to a woman's hospital at Madras. The reply was: "We shall be very glad to receive your friend if she is not a Pariah or a Christian."

Let us turn that reply into an appeal to the Christian sympathies of our American women.

Miss M. L. Scudder, of Madanapelle, writes that the health of the school there has been good, twenty of the twenty-nine

named on the roll being boarders. The school has met with a great loss in the death of Samuel Zechariah, the second teacher, an earnest Christian. He tried to meet with his classes till within two months of his death, and when too feeble to hold his Bible, had it placed beside him on his cot, so that he could read a few words at a time. Here too, are the Bible women, who, in their simple earnest way, have carried the good news of Christ's gospel to more than five thousand of their Hindu sisters.

Our noble Dr. Chamberlain points the contrast between then and now, when he tells us that : "Twenty-three years ago it was almost an insult to ask a Hindu lady if she could read. None but the dancing girls attached to the dissolute service of the gods were then taught to read. 'Thank God!'" he exclaims, "a brighter day is dawning, and Christian female education is ushering it in."

The march of improvement has been gradual, but sure. Miss Scudder's school of 60 pupils had a very modest beginning, and the parents, against themselves, were won by the manifest improvement in the children. The school is endorsed by native gentlemen, who asked at a public meeting for its establishment, and applications for similar schools are being made.

Sometimes when the winter holds on long and dreary, and the "Spring comes slowly up our way," we look out, and to our amazement on the frozen bough sits the first blue-bird. Far into our heart of hearts goes the blue-bird's song and bluster and blow as he may, winter has no real power over us after that. So to us, who faint of heart and weak of purpose, have been watching the suffering and superstition of India's daughters, come the notes of promise from that dis-

tant land. Never bird of spring sang a note so full of hope as that Telegu refrain:

"Ni charanamute nammite nammite,
Ni padamule battiti battiti."
"Thy refuge would I seek,
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus!
Thy mercy giving feet would I clasp.
Blessed Jesus."

JAPAN.

It is with a peculiar sense of thankfulness that we turn to the reports of our work in Japan. This has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. "Never," says Miss M. L. Winn, reporting for FERRIS SEMINARY, YOKOHAMA, "has there been a more successful year in the history of the school."

The absence in America of the beloved principal, Rev. E. S. Booth, and his wife, has, of course given a certain deepened responsibility to those who were left, but they have rejoiced not only in Mr. Booth's relief from school duties, but in the fact that he has been successfully accomplishing one part of his mission to the church at home, viz. The raising of funds to enlarge Ferris Seminary and to purchase the grounds on which it stands.

With 105 pupils, only 5 of whom are day scholars, the building has been taxed to the utmost capacity, and the teachers have had constantly the pain of refusing applicants who desired to enter. Among the pupils at present in the school, is a princess of Japan. We mention this to show that Ferris Seminary attracts girls from the highest social rank.

The course of study compares favorably with that pursued in the best girls' schools in America, but this having been often enlarged upon, we prefer in the necessary brief com

pass of this Annual Report, to dwell upon the religious education, and the Christian spirit which gives a wholesome tone to the school. The study of the Bible which is daily and thorough, was followed up during the winter by prayer-meetings every evening, maintained voluntarily by the girls. Of the twenty-eight Christian girls in the school, five have received baptism this year. Nothing is more encouraging than the desire manifested by the Christian girls that their classmates shall share their blessings, and be led to their Saviour. The six Bible classes in Japanese, the twenty-six classes in English, and the nineteen in Japanese and Chinese literature, are enough to fill the hearts and hands of the teachers. It is an interesting feature, which we note, that two members of the faculty are graduates of the school. Misses Kashi Shimada, and Yasu Sakiyori. No better proof of the fulfillment on the part of the seminary of its highest pledges, could be given than is afforded by this simple statement. Supplementing this however, is another fact, that several pupil teachers already pay their own expenses by giving several hours' instruction daily in the school.

The wedding of one pupil, Shinowara Yei, to a graduate of the Theological School at Tokiyo, is also a pleasing event. The young wife is assisting her husband in evangelical work in the province of Nagato. Thus the school has sent out a missionary representative to a part of the Empire, in which Christianity has made little progress.

The providential recovery of Miss L. H. Winn, from a severe attack of cholera, and the saving of the building from destruction by fire, are among causes for special thanksgiving. Ferris Seminary has done a grand work already. There is no reason why, with enlarged accommodations and greater facilities, it should not do a much grander one in the future.

Miss M. L. Winn continues with great reason for encouragement, her Saturday visits to the class of forty women at Yokosuka.

Mrs. E. R. Miller, as ever abundant in labors, is elevating womanhood by her work in TOKYO. Her *Glad Tidings*, a monthly periodical in Japanese, for old and young, has attained to a circulation of 3,300 copies, and a leaflet intended for the very little ones, has a circulation of 2,500 copies. In this connection, we joyfully allude to the complete translation of the Bible into Japanese.

Our "brave lady," Miss Mary E. Brokaw, has done what she could under multiplied seasons of hope deferred at her post in NAGASAKI. The generous and timely gift of \$2,200 increased the sum so long carried as the Nagasaki Fund, to the requisite \$5,000, and preparation for erecting the Jonathan Sturgis' Seminary were begun. The walls are up at this date, the furniture has been purchased and the building will be ready for pupils by the 1st of September. The ten girls whom Miss Brokaw has been teaching under disadvantages and discomfort, will form a nucleus for a much larger number, and we shall watch the future progress of the school with maternal interest.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Miss Annie F. Thompson, to Ferris' and Miss Rebecca L. Irwin, to Sturgis' Seminary, new recruits full of ardor, will go to Japan in the Autumn with Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

OUR MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

Remembering how long and patiently, until we were almost in despair, we have sought to obtain a lady medical missionary to go to Amoy, it seemed almost too good to be true, when the answer came to our prayer and pains. Miss

Y. May King, a thoroughly educated woman and physician, is herself a native of China, brought up under Providence, in the home of the Rev. Dr. McCarthy, a Presbyterian medical missionary. In the full flush of her powers, with the highest testimonials, and the most thorough preparation. Dr. King goes out, our representative, to dedicate herself to the Medical Missionary work among her own country-women. The cry of our hearts is, "What hath God wrought" So happy were we at the consummation of our efforts, that when Doctor King appeared, after much correspondence, before our Executive Committee, we suspended other business, by common consent, and had a season of prayer to the great Physician, whose servant and follower this Christian Chinese gentlewoman is.

WEDDING BELLS.

From far away there came softly pealing, in silvery swells, the melody of the wedding-march. Dec. 14th 1886, at Amoy China, Miss Alice M. Kip was married to Rev. Alex. S. Van Dyck, and February 19th 1887, at Yokokama, Japaan, Miss Hattie Louise Winn, to Mr. James Walker.

Mrs. Van Dyck is the child of missionary parents and grand-parents, consecrated from her cradle. Mrs. Walter's work for the girls of Japan, and her successful training of a class of young men, her long connection also with Ferris Seminary entitle her to our grateful and lasting appreciation. May all happiness attend both these unions.

THE MISSION GLEANER.

This beautiful little periodical, our olive leaf, the only regular publication of the Woman's Board, makes its visits every two months, and at the nominal price of 25 cents a year, should win its way into every household. It is so small

that it may be carried in the satchel or the pocket, yet it contains the freshest news from our lady missionaries, available for Auxiliaries in no other form. We regret that its circulation is still not equal to its merit, and we ask for it a more generous recognition and support. It ought to become a source of revenue to the Board, as well as a stimulant to the liberality and interest of the women of our church.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE YEAR.

The Woman's Board is limited to a certain well defined portion of the missionary work of the church. It aims to uplift heathen women and educate the daughters of heathen homes, giving them Christian training. We think it well to emphasize this purpose, reminding Auxiliaries, that whatever individuals may choose to do, as a Woman's Board, we work strictly for women and girls. Toward the support of the girls' schools we pledge annually \$5,000.00, but we are always, as we expect confidently always to continue, greatly in excess of that amount. Our Treasurer reports that the collections for the current year have aggregated \$17,340.87, an excess over last year's report of \$1,340.59. Much of this has been sent in small sums, and it fairly represents the frugalities and self-denials of women and children. Can we not do better another year? Shall we not set our mark now at \$20,000 for next May? The silver and the gold are the Lord's. The kingdom is to be conquered for Him. "We follow in His train." The world for Jesus! our motto, trusting in Him let us go forward.

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HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

For the Year Ending April 30th, 1887.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

The organization of twenty-seven (27) societies auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has been reported to the Home Secretary for the year ending April 30th, 1887.

Classis of Aibany,
Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Classis of Bergen,
New Durham Ref. Ch. Closter Ref. Ch.

Classis of Grand River.
Grand Haven Reformed Church, Michigan.

Classis of Holland.
Overisel Ref. Ch. Ebenezer Ref. Ch.

Classis of Hudson,
Claverack Ref. Ch. Linlithgo Ref. Ch.

Classis of Illinois.
Fairview Reformed Church.

Classis of Kingston.
High Falls Reformed Church.

North Classis of Long Island.
Jamaica Reformed Church.

Classis of Monmouth.
Asbury Park Reformed Church.

Classis of Newark.

Newark Second Reformed Church.

Classis of New Brunswick.

Millstone Reformed Church.

*Classis of New York.*First Collegiate Church, Harlem, Grace Reformed Church,
Brighton Heights Reformed Church.*Classis of Orange.*

Kerhonkson Reformed Church.

Classis of Paramus.

Paterson, Broadway Ref. Ch., Paramus Ref. Ch.

Classis of Passaic.

Pompton Plains Ref. Ch., Preakness Ref. Ch.

Classis of Philadelphia.

Blawenburg Reformed Church.

Classis of Raritan.

High Bridge N. J., Reformed Church,

Classis of Rennselear.

Stuyvesant Reformed Church.

Classis of Schenectady.

Gifford Reformed Church.

Classis of Ulster.

Esopus Reformed Church.

Total number of Auxiliaries to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. 217, April 30th, 1887.

MRS. J. P. CUMMING, *Home Secretary*

The organization of twenty-seven (27) societies Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has been reported to the Home Secretary, for the year ending April 30th, 1887, as follows :

Newark Second Reformed Church,		
Asbury Park	"	"
Jamaica, L. I.	"	"
High Falls	"	"
Fairview, Illinois,		
Claverack Reformed Church,		
Linlithgo	"	"
Overisel, Mich,	"	"
Ebenezer Church, Holland, Mich.		
Grand Haven, Mich., Ref. Church,		
New Durham Reformed Church,		
Closter Reformed Church,		
Jerusalem Reformed Church,		
Millstone Reformed Church,		
First Collegiate Church, Harlem,		
Grace Ref. Church, New York City.		
Brighton Heights, Staten Island,		
Kerhonkson Reformed Church,		
Paterson, Broadway, Ref. Church,		
Paramus Reformed Church,		
Pompton Plains Reformed Church,		
Preakness Reformed Church,		
Blawenburg Reformed Church,		
High Bridge, N. J. Ref. Church,		
Stuyvesant Reformed Church,		
Gifford Reformed Church, N. Y,		
Esopus Reformed Church, N. Y.		

Total number of Auxiliaries, April 30th, 1887, 217.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

New York City, First Collegiate Ref. Ch., of Harlem.—The organization of an Auxiliary Society is reported in this church. The money heretofore contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions, has been usually obtained by a single annual collection, but the amount thus received has not been satisfactory. It is hoped that a new interest will be aroused in the good cause by holding regular missionary meetings from time to time, and if possible, to obtain some returned missionary to address the Society. Missionary boxes have been distributed from house to house, and it is believed that every lady in the church will be strongly interested in getting these boxes well filled during the year. Through the one collection a sum has been sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board, which it is confidently hoped will be increased another year—and as there is more earnest giving there may be more earnest prayer that this work will prosper until the whole earth shall be full of the glory of Christ.

Esopus Ref. Ch.—The Auxiliary in this church was organized in August, 1886. The pastor's wife writes: "We came to this church in June and formed the auxiliary in August." As the ladies seemed to like the plan of monthly contributions, this method was adopted. It was thought desirable for the year to begin in April, and the larger number of dues were paid from that time. The membership is forty though but a small number attend the monthly meetings. As much information as possible is gathered by the president in order to make the meetings interesting and profitable, believing that with information in regard to missions and missionary operations, more zeal, and consequently greater liberality will result. Many could do more if they felt the need of co-operation in this work, and it is very earnestly hoped that

many more will become engaged in it who are now indifferent to this vitally important subject.

Stuyvesant Ref. Ch. Reports as follows: "Our Society was organized February 17, 1887. Two meetings have been held, but hereafter we shall meet for business every three months only. Our intention, however, is to have our thoughts and prayers especially turned in the direction of Foreign Missions, at stated times during these intervals, when we hold our Woman's Prayer-meeting, which was organized in connection with our Auxiliary. We have a membership of thirty-four, which we hope will be increased before another year's report. We have fixed our yearly dues at fifty cents, but we intend by making use of missionary boxes during the coming year to add to this sum. What we have already raised (including a donation from a member of our society) we expect to give toward the enlargement of the Isaac Ferris seminary building.

Gifford Ref. Ch., N. Y.—An Auxiliary to the Woman's Board was formed in this Church in August, 1886. At the first meeting held at the parsonage, the book entitled, "Hints on the Organization and Successful Working of Women's Missionary Societies," was read, and the best means of promoting the work was discussed. Copies of the Annual Report and Mission Gleaner were circulated among the members. The contributions are sent to the Treasurer semi-annually.

Blawenburg Ref. Ch., N. J.—At the organization of the Auxiliary in this church, quarterly meetings were arranged for, and a committee of ladies appointed to solicit membership. Judging from the interest manifested at the meeting, the secretary feels that the outlook is very hopeful and that faithful work will be accomplished as the society has the ability to do it. Many causes have operated to prevent the ladies from "falling into line," and carrying on this blessed work in which they now expect to have a share. The Rev. Dr. John Talmage united with this church of Blawenburg in former years.

Brighton Heights Ref. Ch., Staten Island.—The secretary of the Brighton Heights Ladies' Aid Society writes that their Society has gotten into such good working order it wishes to extend its work to the foreign field, and to become an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The first offering has been sent to the Treasurer, with the expressed hope that this will be increased another year. The secretary closes her report with best wishes for the growing work of the Board.

New Durham Ref. Ch., N. J.—The Ladies' Missionary Society of the "Grove Church," New Durham, became an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in March, 1887, and report thirty members.

High Falls, Ref. Ch., N. Y.—The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of "The Clove" report an organization with about thirty-five members. It has held meetings monthly during the year and elicited considerable interest among the women of the Church. By the report sent by the pastor January 15th, 1887, the Society expected to celebrate its first anniversary on the 20th of the month and to hold a fair and festival at that time.

Jerusalem Ref. Ch., N. Y.—An Auxiliary was organized in this church with the title of "Shining Light," and the secretary hopes that the name will be merited. At last report there were about twenty members and a much greater number expected as all seemed pleased with the idea of doing something for missions. As the congregation is scattered the meetings will be held quarterly. The officers of the Society are very earnest young ladies and anxious to work for the Master and for this, His cause.

Millstone Ref. Ch., N. J.—A "Mission Band" called "Nimble Fingers," composed of young ladies and children from Dr. Corwin's church at Millstone, has become auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. This is not a new organization, as the Society expects to celebrate its tenth anniversary on the 20th of this month. It

has been in connection with the Union Society of New York all this time, formerly under Mrs. Doremus.. The Secretary writes "We wish to transfer our connection to our own church."

Newark Second Reformed Church.—The circle of "Ready Helpers" was organized in January from a class in Sabbath school of eight little girls between the ages of ten and thirteen. Their instructor wishing to early teach them the pleasure, as well as duty in working for others, called them to the parsonage and talked the matter over. It resulted in the formation of a "Circle" to work especially for missions, meeting monthly at the parsonage and holding a prayer meeting of twenty or thirty minutes before proceeding to other duties. Several new names have been added to the roll, and the "Circle" now has a membership of seventeen. One clause in the "pledge" which has been adopted by the members is. "We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children that they might hear of Christ who died to save them." "We promise to give ten cents yearly, and one cent a week for missions and to come together monthly to hear and learn of missionary work, that we may help in telling the glad tidings." The desire is to teach these young children that in giving to others they would receive the blessing; and the Holy Spirit has been blessing this endeavor for Christ. Two of the "Circle" have united with the church, and with but few exceptions, the members are waiting to confess Christ openly when their parents think them old enough to do so. Their faithful teacher, the pastor's wife, has urged their becoming an auxiliary, giving as one reason that the weaker might partake of the stronger, and to give greater encouragement to the children to continue faithful to their work. The teacher asks our prayers that she might guide these young minds aright.

New York City Grace Ref. Ch —An Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was organized in this church in November, 1886, two members of the Woman's Board were present at the meeting, with Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain also from

India. Since the organization the society has distributed missionary boxes. Every one who has a box is considered a member. At last report the membership was twenty-five.

High Bridge, N. J., Ref. Ch.—The secretary presents the first annual report of this auxiliary. The organization of our Society began April 15th, 1886, with fifteen members including three officers, fifty-two cents being the annual fee for membership.

During the year monthly meetings have been regularly held at the parsonage, and at each meeting papers and selections have been read on mission topics.

The "Gleaner and Sower," presented by one of our members adds much to the interest of the meetings. As we read of the waiting Harvest, the trials, privations and successes of those faithful laborers for Christ, our hearts grow warm with loving sympathy, and desire to aid in carrying forward this glorious work. Our membership has increased to thirty-eight.

The increasing interest in missions, and a deepening love for the cause, encourages us to hope for larger gains the coming year, and God's blessing upon our efforts.

Claverack Ref. Ch.—The "Band of Willing Workers" in this church auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, have a membership of twenty-three. The annual fee is placed at ten cents. All contributions sent through the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

Paterson, N. J., Broadway Ref. Ch.—The ladies of this church organized an auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in January, 1887. The meetings are to be held monthly, the first Wednesday of every month. The membership fee was placed at twenty-five cents so as to enable all the ladies of the congregation to become members of the auxiliary. Five dollars contributed at one time constitutes the giver a life member of the society. At the last report the membership was forty, and the meetings growing in interest. Between twenty and thirty missionary boxes have been distrib-

uted in the congregation and a number of copies of the Mission Gleaner have been subscribed for.

Preakness Ref. Ch.—The auxiliary in the Ref. Ch. at Preakness was organized in December, 1886.

At last report the meetings were held monthly and eighteen members enrolled.

Asbury Park Ref. Ch., N. J.—The pastor of this church writes, "Your letter concerning a Woman's Auxiliary in our church was laid before the Ladies Aid Society just organized, and it was agreed to add an article to the constitution pledging the Society to annual donations for Foreign Mission work through the Woman's Board." The writer adds: "We hope to send a collection at once to your treasurer. May God bless the devoted labors of our Woman's Board in His Work."

REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

Acquackanonck First Ref. Church.—The Tenth Anniversary of the Auxiliary of the First Reformed Church of Acquackanonck, was observed in February with appropriate exercises.

The address of congratulation by the pastor was the feature of the afternoon. The secretary's annual report gave a brief survey of the work accomplished for this most blessed cause during the last decade. We have only reason for congratulation and encouragement. The Society continues to grow in interest, the meetings held monthly have been well attended, and more missionary letters have been received by the Society during the past year than ever before. The treasury has maintained its standard of the last six years. The two hundred dollars being divided between India and China. In December our ladies much enjoyed having Mrs. Booth talk to them, of the work at Ferris Seminary. The meeting was a delightful one and enjoyed by many.

In February, 1886, the Helen E. Aycrigg Mission band was organized, which has proved a most successful auxiliary to the Ladies Society.

Athenia, N. J. "Band of Workers," of Reformed Church, presenting their first annual report, write : "During the year twelve meetings have been held, beginning March, 27th, 1886, and ending March 4th, 1887. This Band commenced its work with twenty-two (22) active members and four honorary members. Two members have moved away, three have gone away to school, and three have left. There have been no deaths. The average attendance has been about six.

A fair is to be held the first week in June. An amount of money equal to that sent to the Domestic Department will be sent to the Foreign Department after the fair.

Brooklyn, E. D., First Reformed Church.—The secretary writes as follows: "The present year still finds our Society in a working condition. We have had the pleasure of having Mrs. Booth with us on one occasion.

"Unavoidable circumstances have prevented the younger girls from continuing with their meetings this winter. Perhaps the young ladies have felt a deeper interest in the cause and some new members have promised to lend their aid. We hope during the coming year that this interest may increase throughout the church and that we may see some fruit as an expression of that feeling." This society contributed the past year, one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the support of a teacher in the seminary at Vellore, India, and sixty dollars was given for the support of a girl in Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, by the Chrystal Society, a young ladies' branch of the Auxiliary Society.

Brooklyn Church on the Heights, Reports, that it has continued its work during the past year as usual, and its efforts have met with great success. Mr. Booth spoke before the Church and Society some months ago and he enlisted the interest of all in the Ferris Seminary. Since then, the ladies in addition to their annual contribution have raised the amount necessary to the establishment of a permanent scholarship in the seminary.

Bergen Point Ref. Ch.—The Secretary writes, "Our membership is small, about twenty-five, and we have lost by death and removals during the past twelve months. We hold monthly meetings which are always interesting. We adopted the plan from the first, of giving out topics, on which the ladies prepare themselves, and they have done so well, that those who listen, almost imagine themselves listening to an entertaining address on some foreign country. At each meeting from three to four ladies take the questions, limiting themselves to ten minutes each, and so, contribute not a little, to the instruction and edification of the rest.

The past year we have had "China" for our foreign mission subject, taking it first geographically, historically, and commercially, with reference to particular cities. Then its literature and religions, customs and manners; coming last to missionary effort, when our interest in the people has been thus aroused.

We shall continue to support our little pupil Bianá in Miss Talmage's school in Amoy. Our contributions this year amounts to \$100. Though we are only two years old, we are glad to report ourselves as vigorous, and hope that coming years may prove, by increased interest and contributions, our approach to full maturity.

Belleville, N. J., Reformed Church.—"It is with a thankful heart that the Secretary presents, the report of this Society. The meetings have been better attended, more interest manifested, and we have paid over to the Board a larger amount of money than for either of the several preceding years. The meetings were held each month until January when it was decided to hold them but once in three months, and make a special effort to increase their interest, hoping in this way to accomplish more."

"About the first of January our Pastor presented an appeal from Mr. Booth of the Ferris Seminary, for money to enlarge the school building at Yokohama. At first it seemed impossible for this little Society to do much in aid of this most-worthy object, and at the same time keep up our regular

contributions to the Board. After discussing the matter fully it was decided to try by a series of entertainments to raise one hundred dollars. In less than three months we obtained the desired amount. Mr. Booth was with us at our Annual Meeting in March and his encouraging report of our Mission work in Japan stimulated many to do more for Missions. The success which has crowned our efforts in this extra work will cause us to enter upon the duties of the coming year with increased energy trusting by the Father's guidance to add more to the Board this year than ever before."

Canajoharie Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes, "It is with much pleasure as well as gratitude to our Father in Heaven, that I sit down to make this, the seventh Annual Report of the Canajoharie Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Our Society has kept on its uninterrupted way—holding regular quarterly meetings, which have been fairly attended and also two or three special meetings in the two years—one of which was made especially interesting by the presence of Mrs. House—a returned Missionary from Siam, and a Siamese girl who is being educated in this country, and who gave us quite an extended account of the manners, customs, and religions of her native land. At another, we were favored with an intensely interesting address, by the mother of our Pastor Mrs. F. C. H. Haines Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Board of the Presbyterian Church,—since gone to her reward,—this related more especially to the Home-field and gave an account of a recent trip through the West including Utah and Alaska.

Our contributions to the Board fall a little short of previous years, but do not think therefore, that the missionary spirit in our church is retrograding—on the contrary, it is increasing. We have a large Sunday-School Society, which is doing very efficient work, and our Annual church contribution for Foreign Missions is largely increased, but there have been some changes in the membership of our Society which account for the financial change. We hope by the blessing of God and

renewed efforts to make it good another year. We number fifty members who contribute thirty-six dollars.

Our Church has been greatly blessed the past-winter and over seventy new members have been added. This certainly means increased service in all the departments of church work, and we hope to make it tell in our Auxiliary.

Caatsban Reformed Church.—The Secretary reports as follows: "Another year has rolled away. We are on the threshold of the tenth year of this Auxiliary's life; a note of praise and courage will find response in the heart of every one who loves the work in looking over the record of the year past. We have not much that is new to report. Our meetings held regularly, monthly, have been full of increasing interest. Average attendance about thirty, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a few new members. Our membership numbers between seventy and eighty.

While this is encouraging, there are still many ladies in our church who have not enlisted under our banner, and we feel assured there are talents lying undeveloped that would help to lift from the world its burden of sin and misery. A spirit of unity and love pervades the meetings, although conscious of many infirmities we think we love our work and are very happy in it. This we trust is not written in a spirit of boastfulness; it would be an index of a cold ungrateful heart that could say less. May the sweet lines of Miss Havergal find an echo in every heart.

" Arise and work; arise and pray
That He would haste the dawning day
And let the silver trumpet-sound,
Wherever satan's slaves are found."

Catskill Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes, "Our Auxiliary has held its meetings regularly, and they have been well attended. During the past year there has been more interest shown in the Society, than in any of the previous years. At our meeting last September an effort was made to make the meetings more attractive, a committee was chosen

to appoint readers for each meeting, and also to assign questions to different members to be answered at the next meeting. We have had China under consideration. The country, condition of its inhabitants, its ancient religion, and Bible name, and the missions of our Church in the country. When this is finished, we intend to study Japan, and India in the same manner.

We have one hundred and twenty members. Our collection this year is the largest which we have ever taken without some special gift.

Ellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.—The regular meetings of this Auxiliary have been held at the parsonage, the average attendance being about seventeen. No very marked enthusiasm has been observed among the members, but the work has gone steadily forward, and there has been somewhat of an increase in the yearly contributions. The four winter meetings of the Society, were followed by informal gatherings at the parsonage, which proved very pleasant and helpful to the meetings by bringing the people together in social intercourse. In October, Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, addressed the ladies of the Classis on invitation of the Ellenville Auxiliary, and the occasion proved most enjoyable and inspiring. The education of a pupil in the school at Amoy has been one of the special objects towards which a part of the contribution has been applied.

Farmers Village, N. Y., Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes: "In presenting our report at the close of our third year, we are glad to be able to write that at no time since we organized has the outlook for the future been so favorable as at this present time. There has been a slow but steady growth of interest. We have had our discouragements, also our triumphs.

During the year, two of our most prompt and earnest workers, one our secretary, have been removed by death. We miss their prayers and their work. Three new members have been admitted within a few months, making our number thirty-five. At each of our meetings, which are held

monthly, interesting and valuable articles have been read, stimulating us to a more earnest desire and a more fixed determination to persevere and to do what we can.

Our contributions, including missionary boxes and seven dollars and sixty-one cents raised by the children's society, the "Little Gleaners," amounted to seventy dollars and fifty-four cents. This, we divided equally between the two Boards.

We believe that our Auxiliary was born of prayer, and to the prayers of God's people would we commit ourselves for the work of the coming year.

Our membership of forty is a smaller number than we reported last year. Death, removal and inability to keep up subscriptions have been the causes and we have not been able to fill these depletions in our numbers.

The mission band of young girls have maintained fortnightly meetings. They add their collections to ours. In closing we would acknowledge our fellowship with sister societies to whom we present our hearty salutation.

Fishkill-on-the-Hudson Reformed Church.—The secretary writes : " We have been holding regular monthly meetings of our Society the past year, and there is a steady growing interest in missionary work. Our Society supports a little girl in Miss Talmage's school at Amoy, China, and we hope during this coming year to do even more. Our Society has increased considerably in numbers during the last four months and we find the monthly tax of ten cents from each member puts a little more money in the treasury for missionary purposes.

Franklin Park Reformed Church, Fourth Annual Report of the Missionary Guild.—When we hear of so much demand for the gold of Christian America to assist in saving souls in India, China, and Japan, and the islands of the sea, we wonder why it is that we do not do more in that line. As yet our gifts have been in money and prayer, and may the prayers not have been in the minority,—but we trust and pray that it may enter into the heart of some one of our number to feel the call to devote

her life to the cause of Christ in some one of those lands. In a few words the heads of our work can be enumerated but we trust we cannot so easily sum up the influence for good of our little society ten meetings have been held during the year with an average attendance of twelve ladies. Five new members have been received—\$147 has been sent to Woman's Board—\$72.02 being collected from the family mite boxes. The Secretary hopes that a greater zeal will be manifested the coming year, so that by the help of God a greater work will be done in the future than in the past years of the society, so that His cause may be honored and glorified and all may be co-workers with Christ in saving the heathen in sending the Gospel to them.

Greenpoint Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this auxiliary writes, "In reviewing the work of our Society during the year, while it has not attained to the measure of growth we had hoped, and its influence is not as far-reaching and potent as we could desire, still there has been steady growth.

This may be seen not simply in addition to the roll from time to time: but in an ever deepening missionary spirit among the members of both Church and Sabbath School.

The average monthly attendance is larger this year than formerly. In addition to the annual contribution for the support of the beneficiary in the School at Amoy, the society has been enabled independent of church collections to donate twenty-five dollars (\$25.) to the Board of Foreign Missions

Under the auspices of the Society an afternoon tea was held, its object being to promote sociability among the ladies of the congregation and awaken a deeper interest in the work of the Society. The pleasure of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mrs. Sangster who kindly favored the ladies with a most interesting and instructive reading—over two hundred ladies were present to enjoy this literary treat.

Under the supervision of the Society, the children of the Sabbath School are preparing a box to send to China—collecting cards—making scrap books and fancy articles to

send as Christmas gifts to the children of the school of the Amoy Mission.

Also, mite-boxes have been distributed among the members of the Sabbath School in order to collect money for this object

Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.—The sixth anniversary of this Auxiliary was observed in November, 1886, and proved to be an interesting occasion. Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, from India was present, and gave the ladies much information about the people of that country, especially in regard to the women. Mr. Wyckoff also sang in Tamil some of the hymns so familiar to us in the home land. A letter has been received from Miss Scudder in regard to the beneficiary, Susan Anthony, supported by this Auxiliary. She is reported a bright studious girl, and came forward of her own free will and asked to be baptized. Altogether it was an encouraging account of the girl pupil who is being educated by this society. Monthly meetings of this Auxiliary have been sustained, and much information brought in making these gatherings of deep interest to those who have attended. It is proposed to invite every lady in the congregation to become a member of this Society. The amount raised this year is larger than at any previous time.

Gibbsville Ref'd Church, Wisconsin.—This Auxiliary has been favored with the presence of Rev. Mr. Wyckoff of India, bringing welcome intelligence from the Helper, P. Muniappen, whom the society are supporting. He is reported to be a zealous worker for Jesus, his father being one of the first converts in the place when his son was but a child, and so he was early taught of "Jesus and His love." The spirit of missions is on the increase in this Society, and although the drought of last summer affected the welfare of the people financially, there is no diminution of interest in missions.

Ghent Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes, "We are glad to record no diminution of interest in our Society and its work. While there has been only a slight change in members, or contributions, there has been a better average attendance at the meetings, and an extension of interest in

the cause of missions. This has been largely due to the visits of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chamberlain of the Arcot, and Rev. Mr. Booth of the Japan Missions.

They interested all who heard them, and greatly helped our work, the Auxiliary wishes to have a part in the work of enlarging the Isaac Ferris Seminary at Yokohama, and to this end have set-apart the receipts of their Anniversary Meeting. This was held on Wednesday April 6th, and yealded twenty-five dollars for this object.

It is the wish and aim of the Auxiliary to enlist every women in our congregation in this blessed work and we are glad to believe we are making progress toward this result.

Freehold, N. J., 2nd, Reformed Church.—Extracts from the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Society. It is with deep gratitude to Him who "worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure" that we submit the report of another year's work,—a year unprecedented in the history of the Society for the general interest felt by our members in the work and manifested in larger results than usual. It gives us great pleasure to record the success of our first years trial of the little missionary boxes, chiefly through their use our contributions were increased just one half of the amount given last year. The result of this method of collecting funds was anticipated with some apprehension on the part of the Officers, as the general opinion did not seem to favor the use of the boxes; but notwithstanding they were distributed among the members at the beginning of the year. At its close—in January last a pleasant social gathering was held at the Parsonage, the chief feature of the occasion being the opening of the boxes, and the announcement of the contents was a gratifying surprise to all present, and dispelled the doubts of many as to the superiority of this mode of giving into the Lord's treasury.

At the beginning of the year, in March 1886 there was organized by our President, Mrs. Brakaw, a Mission Band

called "Buds of Promise" composed of the younger members of the Sunday School.

The present membership consists of eighteen, and recently officers have been elected from their own number. One cent a week is contributed by each member. Their first annual offering to missions amounted to five dollars which was presented to the Treasurer of our Society to add to its funds. Very heartily do we welcome these young workers into the fields of service which are white already to harvest and where there is room and work for young and old. Thus early devoting their efforts to their Masters use may they grow into trained workers ready to carry on with greater efficiency the work as it shall fall from older hands into theirs,

The monthly meetings have been well sustained during the year; but we miss a familiar face from these little gatherings for one whose interest was manifested to us all when she could no longer give it voice, has been called to her home above and so another name one of the first on our roll of membership, is stricken off.

At our last anniversary we had the pleasure of listening to an able and instructive address from Rev. J. H. Wyckoff. In October following Dr. Chamberlain was present with us and in December the Rev. E. S. Booth presented his plea for Ferris Seminary. None can plead ignorance of what is going on in our mission fields when such opportunities are given to hear from them.

As we enter now upon another year may each one be stimulated to greater faithfulness by these results, not content with past achievement but pressing forward with increased courage may we work more earnestly pray more fervently and give more abundantly.

Fairview, Ill., Reformed Church.—Reports "We are holding monthly meetings at which times contributions are made for

the Foreign work. Our ladies are quite interested to help to light the Gospel torch in heathen homes, and bring to our sad-loved sisters the dawn of a new day."

Fordham Reformed Church Mission Band.—The Secretary says this Band was organized September 6th 1883. There are twenty-one members on the roll—girls from eight to seventeen years of age. The meetings are held on the first and third Sunday of each month. At these meetings the members serve for different objects and are instructed in Mission Work. Their special work is the education of a Japanese girl in the Isaac Ferris Seminary. The money for this purpose is raised by means of Birthday Boxes in the several Sunday School classes—dues, from the members of the Band and entertainments.

Holland, Mich., First and Third Reformed Churches.—The Secretary reports: "In reviewing the work of the past year, we feel we have great reason for gratitude for the evidence of the Master's blessing upon the work. Never since its organization has it been in a more vigorous and prosperous condition, nor has it during any previous year raised so large an amount for missions as during the year just ended. Our contributions, through the channel of the Woman's Board, are rather meagre, still as you will see we have contributed liberally to Foreign Missions. We raised and send to Dr. Hekhuis one hundred and fifty-four dollars, for the purpose of buying a site at Wallajapett on which to build a church and school. We are also supporting a Bible-reader, Mrs. Job, who goes from house to house to labor among the women of Arcot, and have raised for this purpose fifty-six dollars; it is the purpose of this society to support two such women and will do so as soon as Dr. Herkluis can secure another suitable person."

"We have sent to the Woman's Board, thirty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents. Whole amount for Foreign Missions, \$241.78. Our Society has fifty members on roll, an average

attendance of seventeen. A lively interest has been manifest and the hour devoted each month to the cause of Missions has brought a blessing to our hearts. All feel that it has been a sweet privilege to have been permitted to give of our time and substance for promoting the welfare of benighted in distant lands. All that has been done we lay at the Savior's feet honestly beseeching that He will accept and cause it to glorify his name.

As our hearts return grateful thanks for the Lord's presence and blessing, we earnestly supplicate that He will abide with us and fill our hearts with the spirit of the Master's love for precious souls.

Holland, Mich. Hope Church Second Reformed Reports: This society was organized one year ago, has a membership of seventeen, and the monthly meetings have been regularly held with an average attendance of eight.

The hour is spent in prayer and conference on Missionary subjects and labors, giving and receiving information respecting the work and needs of the Mission field. This Auxiliary though small and young is in a vigorous condition and manifest an earnest purpose to do something for the advancement of God's kingdom.

Hudson Reformed Church.—The Secretary says, "As we look back over the months of the year now past, our hearts are filled with gratitude that we can report some progress in the Missionary interest in our church. Since the organization of our Domestic Auxiliary in April last, our missionary meetings, Foreign and Domestic have been held alternate months; this has lessened by half the number of Foreign meetings held, though the contributions for Foreign Missions have been no smaller. The usual allowance has been sent to India for support of Anna Gibson.

Our Society was represented at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board last May.

Our membership shows an increase of six (6) over that of last year. Our faithful member, Mrs. Hagadorn, has been called to rest.

The average attendance has increased from 16 to 40. Early in the year a special canvas of the church was made to procure subscribers to the "Gleaner." 19 new names were added to the list.

We are particularly happy in having among us the Foreign Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board, Mrs. Gleason, our pastor's wife. Through her instrumentality we have been enabled to hear from India, China and Japan much oftener than we would otherwise, and thus have kept the work in our mission fields fresh in our hearts and minds. Our one aim, and great effort has been to awaken in young and old more zeal and enthusiasm in the work of sending the glad tidings of salvation to those who sit in darkness, who are "waiting for the morning." To this end we have invited to visit us, and tell us of their work, several whose labors in our Foreign fields are well known. Mrs. Chamberlain was present at our ladies meeting in December. Her sketch of the life, manner and dress of the women and girls in India was very entertaining, and did not fail to deepen our interest in that field.

Our meeting on February 18th, was one of exceptional interest. Mrs. M. E. Sangster read to us her paper entitled, "Our Mission in Amoy."

On March 29th, an extra special meeting was held, when it was our privilege to listen to Mrs. E. S. Booth, of Issac Ferris Seminary, who gave us an account of the wonderful strides of education and Christianity among the girls and women in Japan.

Upon the evening previous; the Rev. Mr. Booth delivered a lecture before the church and congregation upon the mar-

vellous opening up of the Sunrise kingdom to Christianity, ending with an earnest plea for money to aid in the necessary enlarging of the Isaac Ferris Seminary.

Last April, upon the invitation of Mrs. Gleason, Madame Barakat; of Syria, gave before the church, the thrilling story of her life. In October, Dr. Chamberlain addressed the young people of the church. His spirit of entire consecration to his work in India did not fail to have its effect in an earnest desire among us all to hasten the time when "all the ends of the earth shall fear Him."

Thus in turn our Mission fields, with their pressing needs; have been brought before us. God grant that we may not withhold the aid, both of money and of our prayers, so sorely needed.

In addition to the Ladies' Auxiliaries, a Mission Circle was organized last May, Beginning with a membership of fourteen, it has grown in interest and in numbers until now twenty-seven members are enrolled. Twenty are regular attendants. The President receives efficient help from the members of the Circle, who in turn plan and lead the meetings. As yet the Circle has undertaken Foreign work only. Its meetings are held monthly. The first five months were devoted exclusively to the study of China—its geographical position, and that of our Mission stations. the manner, customs and life of its people, and the work of our Missionaries. The money raised during this period of study was forwarded to the school at Amoy. Since then the interest of the Circle has centered on India. The Christian life in the Circle is vigorous and healthful. We are indeed thankful for such a training-school for the future members of our church societies.

Thus we close our years' record, encouraged by the review of the past, and looking forward with hope into the future.

High Bridge, N. Y. Union Reformed Church.—"This Auxiliary has during the past year held regular monthly meetings which have been fairly attended. These meetings have been intensely interesting, many of us have had new love for the missionary cause awakened within us, and many times have we wept when accounts of the hardships, trials and self-sacrifice of those who for the love of souls have left *all* that they may carry the Gospel into far-off lands, have been read to us; for readers are appointed at each meeting.

Two of our members have resigned and ten have been added during the year. Eighty-five dollars and fifty cents have been sent by this little band of workers to the general fund since last April.

The addition of ten make our number at present thirty-six out of a church membership of about sixty ladies. We feel encouraged to press on with the help of the Master.

Hopewell Reformed Church.—Secretary's report: "On looking over the past year, the work in our Auxiliary has been quietly and steadily going on. Although our meetings have not been as well attended as we could wish, still much interest has been felt by those who attended, and we know that those who have not met with us have been interested in the cause as they have given to the collectors who belong to the Auxiliary and hand in their collection every three months to our treasurer. We hold our meetings monthly and they are made very interesting and profitable by the reading of missionary intelligence, and those bearing on missions, and sometimes a letter from some Missionary. This course insures to us at every meeting an addition to our stock of information upon the subject which we have at heart. Our Auxiliary has sent to the Board of Foreign Missions for the year ending April, 1887, ninety dollars and ninety cents. Although we have not been able to raise as much as we would like, still we trust our "labor has not been in vain in the Lord," and we

would lay it at His feet, asking Him to grant His blessing with it. May He grant His blessing in the new year.

Jersey City, Greenville Reformed Church.—The Secretary reports as follows: Our seventh year closes with the first of April. When we organized, we were a feeble band of ten, now we number nearly seventy.

We hold regular monthly meetings, which are made interesting by reading items of interest from different Countries on Mission work. Sometimes we take our field of labor, instructing ourselves, on the manners, customs, mode of living, and religion; as per instance, China, Japan, India, Africa and the far West.

Our mode of collecting money, was by the envelope system. Canvassers were appointed to visit the members of the Church, and congregation, and distribute them. Each member pledging himself or herself to contribute so much for the month or year.

It is put in the envelope and dropped in the missionary box, which you will find at the church door.

Any person may become a member by paying fifty cents; although we would not refuse a larger donation, if any felt so inclined.

The amount contributed this year for the Foreign Missions is two hundred and thirteen dollars and three cents.

We were much interested in a letter sent to us from a Japanese, who is studying at Rutgers College, preparing for a minister. He expects to return to his native land and teach his comrades what he has learned about the Saviour of the world.

Our October meeting differed from the usual meetings in that we were honored by having two ministers with us, Mr. Pockman, and Mr. Booth and wife, of Ferris Seminary, Yoko-

hama, Japan, who gave us a glowing account of how the women were held in subjection by the men; compelled to do all kinds of drudgery while the men were off gunning or fishing. The gentlemen referred to our little protege, whom we support at the Seminary by sending sixty dollars. He said if we could hear her sweet voice we would be doubly paid for all our trouble. He spoke of the progress made by the scholars, and if successful in the examination, fitted them for teachers to instruct the younger pupils. Our Society have received two letters from our protege, and we feel that it is money well spent. At this time it is fitting to refer to those who have been called to leave us. Mr. and Mrs. Pockman have gone to another field to work in the vineyard; and my prayer is, they may be the means of winning many souls to God. Others who in his wise providence has seen fit to call home. Some were in hoary old age, ripe for the kingdom, while others were just at the Noonday of life, but yet ready when the summons came; their missien work is over and they have gone home to receive their reward.

Jersey City South Bergen Reformed Church.—The Secretary says: "We review the work of the past year with grateful hearts, for God has indeed blessed all our efforts in His behalf. This church has been a struggling, growing church, so much to do for it and so little to do with, that it seemed almost out of the question to consider anything in the line of outside mission work. But first one society branches out, then another, and yet there is just as much, and *more* for the first, which is all the more convincing that God is with us in all good work, and helps us to prosper. 'For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.'"

We have never been able to send so much to the Board as at this time, twenty-seven dollars. We owe our thanks to our efficient collectors, They have been very faithful in the work, and hope to do even better. Each of the six have a list of names, and as some prefer to pay by the month, they have more to do; still they have been so willing and ready to do even that.

God has gathered one of our members into His fold during the year.

Our meetings have been well attended. The President opening the meetings with Scriptural reading, prayer and singing, and we always have something interesting read by one appointed at a previous meeting.

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary writes, "Our Society is increasing much in interest and some in numbers. Four new names have been placed on the roll. We have now fifty members.

We have held our meetings monthly and we see no falling off in the attendance since our *quarterly meetings* were dropped or changed to monthly meetings. We have interesting meetings and are cheered by news received from our President."

Jersey City, Bergen Reformed Church.—"The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Bergen Reformed Church has completed its twelfth-year. The Eleventh Anniversary was held on May 9th 1886 and a sermon Preached by the Rev. Edward Riggs, on Seven Churches in Asia. At the beginning of the year it was decided to hold quarterly meetings of the Foreign and Domestic Societies at the same time under one President, Mrs. John Morrison.

The attendance and interest have increased during the year. The amount collected during the past year is \$227.41 which has been promptly reported, and forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

New York City Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave., and 29th St.,—The work in this Auxiliary is reported as moving steadily forward. The usual quarterly meetings have been held at the residence of the President, Mrs. Ormiston, and the annual subscriptions have amounted to four hundred and twenty

dollars, twenty-five cents. Two life members have been added during the year. Although quiet in the work many earnest hearts are praying for the advancement of the Lord's Kingdom. The Secretary congratulates the Woman's Board upon its success in securing a medical missionary for China.

New York City, Madison Avenue Reformed Church.—Reports: Early in the year the Society connected with this church took a new departure by separating the work of Foreign and Domestic missions, and appointing different officers for each branch. While working together in perfect harmony and with an almost undivided interest, the members by this division of labor, have gained a more intelligent insight into the needs of the different fields.

The meetings for Foreign missions, held the first Monday in each month, have been unusually interesting, having been addressed at different times by Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Chamberlain, and Pundita Ramabai, a high-caste woman of India, who described most graphically the cruelties practised upon the child widows of her native country. An attendance of over two hundred ladies and a collection amounting to \$93.60 was evidence of the deep interest taken in the cause she represented. The society has adopted for its missionary Hashi Shimada, a graduate of the Ferris Seminary and now a teacher in that institution. The amount of \$360 has been pledged to her support and a balance of \$150 in the Treasury has been sent to the Woman's Board. Our society gives promise of steady increase, both in numbers and missionary interest.

The Children's Band organized in May of last year under the name of "Cheerful Givers," has begun with quickened zeal under a new leadership, and bearing the suggestive name of "Workers for the King." It numbers in all, seventy boys and girls who are at present busily engaged in filling a box for the new hospital in Amoy, China, under the care of Dr. Otte,

The afternoon of the last Friday in each month is given to devotional exercises, recitations by the children and to a pleasant talk from some one conversant with the different fields. To this meeting parents and friends are invited and the exercises are both profitable and entertaining. The frequent presence of our pastor among the children and his encouraging words have proved a wonderful stimulus.

New York City Collegiate Church, 48th St., & 5th Ave.—The secretary says: We have held monthly meetings during the winter. On several occasions missionaries from India and Japan were present and contributed much toward bringing the ladies of the church into close and hearty sympathy with the work of the Foreign Board. Perhaps because of this impulse, our offerings are larger than for several years. Five Hundred and ten dollars have been subscribed. Of this, two hundred and fifty dollars have been as usual appropriated to the support of the Girl's School at Madanapalle, one hundred to the Ferris Seminary, and the remainder to the Parent Board.

New York City, Faith Mission Band, 6th Ave. Ref. Ch.—The secretary writes: We have added another year's growth to our Band, and have been permitted to go right on in our work. Regular afternoon and evening meetings have been held, the average attendance being sixty-one. Our paper, *The Mission Band Portfolio*, edited by the members has been continued. We held our ninth anniversary last December and it proved an entire success; instead of selling tickets for admittance as heretofore, we distributed them complimentary and a free-will collection was taken, amounting to sixty-seven dollars and nineteen cents; the church was filled on that occasion. The proceeds of the benefit boxes, we use for local purposes. The officers' prayer meetings have been continued, also the sewing meetings; we have made garments for the needy children. We hear from our charge in India occasionally, which always encourages us, and we have been favored in having Mrs. Chamberlain with us at one of our meetings.

We trust we may go right on, keeping our motto continually before us, "Never weary in well doing."

New York City, Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report of the foreign work, says, "About a year ago, desiring to increase our gifts to the Foreign field we wrote to Mrs. W. W. Scudder, Madanapalle, India, to know if there was any special need there that we might meet—the answer came, "we have a boy who wants a Christian education." At once this boy was adopted into our Society, and by it, named William B. Merritt as a memorial to our former pastor, and independent of our monthly subscriptions,—with the help of our Sunday-School who kindly gave us the contents of their Birthday Box,—we raised and sent for that purpose thirty dollars (\$30.)

Our meetings are held the first Friday evening of the month. In order to encourage them, the Officers have a special meeting the week previous, to devise the best methods to interest the people and bring the largest possible results to the cause for which we labour. Occasionally we have a special speaker—always try to get the latest and best Missionary intelligence. Nearly every meeting we have a little from one of the missionaries we are in regular correspondence with; these letters make us better to know the practical needs on mission grounds. To give every one an opportunity to take part in the exercises, we give out from time to time, special subjects as follows: different countries, their moral condition and practical needs—Gods way and commands about giving—His promises to bring the world to bow allegiance to King Jesus, &c,

Leaflets, also find their way into our midst and are no small incentive to reach farther and higher in this grand work for God.

Our special Foreign field, is Ferris Seminary, Yokohama Japan.

Our record would not be complete if we failed to recognize the help received from the officers and members of our "Faith Mission Band" who, by their personal presence, have led our music and singing brought us some of the freshest missionary intelligence, and in various ways been of real practical help to the parent Society.

North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.—The quarterly meetings of this Society are well sustained. There appears to be a renewed interest in the work, and the addition of seventeen new members is reported during the past year. All the members are prompt in the payment of their dues, and the hope is expressed that greater things may be accomplished by this Auxiliary in furtherance of our Saviour's Parting command "Go ye into all the world and Preach the Gospel to every creature."

New Brunswick First Reformed Church.—The work of this Society is carried on as formerly with one exception, that of raising the yearly contributions. The annual dues are paid through the collectors, but if this does not meet the demand, the Society does not resort to Entertainments. At the quarterly meeting at which not more than thirty are present. The Treasurer makes a statement of the condition of the Treasury, and those present make a voluntary contribution, sacrifices are made more acceptable to the Lord for this reason.

Mrs Eugene Booth has met with the ladies and her words have proved an incentive to work more earnestly for the cause of foreign missions. The Pastor of the Church has also met with and addressed the ladies and it is believed that his valuable suggestions will bear good fruit in the future. The work seems to be silently but surely progressing in the hearts of some, if not all, and the outlook is very hopeful and encouraging as the Master's work goes forward with earnest prayer.

Nassau Reformed Church.—The Secretary reports as follows: The past year has been a very pleasant one in our so-

ciety. The monthly meetings have been kept up, and to our exercises has been added the reading of a paper edited by one of the ladies, composed of articles either original or selected, sent by the members. This plan seems to have greatly increased the interest in the meetings.

At our anniversary we listened to a very entertaining talk by Miss Gibson, a missionary from India, which she illustrated by dressing several girls in the different native costumes.

Letters have been received from our India scholars and Rev. Mr. Conklin.

The "Sunbeams" Mission Band still carry on their little work, at home and abroad, and are just entering upon a new year of their existence as a society, with enthusiastic plans for the future. They have received during the past year one letter from Mrs. Scudder, who had charge of the young girl, in India, whom they supported for three years.

Newburgh Reformed Church.—The secretary reports: The condition of this Auxiliary has not materially changed during the past year. The average attendance at the quarterly meetings has been about the same as in preceding years.

One hundred dollars has been sent for the support of a native helper in India. The support of a pupil at the Vellore Seminary is still continued, and money has also been sent to the general fund. Letters of interest have been received from the pupil at Vellore, and read at the meetings.

We enter upon the twelfth year of labor, trusting that as God has thus far prospered our work, He will still add His blessing:

Nyack, N. Y. Reformed Church.—Reports: Our society has continued its monthly meetings the same as last year, and although we do not have a very large attendance, there is a good deal of interest exhibited. Twice this winter we have held missionary sociables, which have created a greater interest among the people. At that time missionary articles of interest are read by our pastor and some of the ladies.

Mr. Booth occupied the pulpit of our church one Sunday, and spoke with great earnestness upon the missionary work. He received one hundred dollars for the Ferris Seminary. We are happy in sending you three hundred and eight dollars, one hundred of which is the "Margaret Blauvelt Memorial." This amount is to go directly to the Woman's Board in New York, to be disposed of at their discretion. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. J. C. Van Deventer and Mrs. J. L. Zabriskie be made life members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

Report of the "Girls Mission Circle" of Nyack Reformed Church Semi-monthly meetings have been held during the year, all of which have been well attended.

Eight new members have joined the society making a membership of thirty-four.

In September a box valued at forty dollars was sent to Ferris Seminary, Japan.

Sixty-two dollars and sixty-one cents has been raised, sixty dollars of which has been sent to the Board for the support of a girl at Ferris Seminary.

Pella, Iowa, Hope Church.—During the Autumn, in default of Missionary boxes, Egg shells were distributed to the members of the "Band of Little Workers" in which they might make their contributions to Missions. About forty shells were given out and at Christmas, the first attempt at a public entertainment was made, resulting very successfully. The plan succeeded so well the ladies were encouraged to send for mission boxes. This Church is "wide awake" on the subject of missions and the desire is expressed to do much more for the cause in the future.

Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary observed its fifth anniversary January 9th 1887. Meetings have been held monthly except in July and August. The number of members is fifty-two and the average attendance, twelve. The general collections have been less this year, but by increased individual

liberality, and through the efforts of the worthy President of the Society, a musicale was given, so that at the close of the fiscal year, the contributions were up to the usual standard. A number of interesting letters have been received from foreign fields, and the Society has been favored by addresses from Rev. and Mrs. Booth, and Mrs. Riggs who have related their rich experience in foreign missions. The Society is apparently growing in interest in mission work.

Port Richmond, S. I., Reformed Church.—The secretary says : It is with great pleasure I send you our report, for the last year. Our meetings have been well attended and full of interest. Articles have been selected from the different missionary magazines and read by the young ladies. We have also had several letters direct from the field, and in the month of January we were addressed by Mrs. Booth, of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, who gave us a very full and interesting account of the founding of this school ; the many trials and discouragements to which its teachers were subjected in its early days; its present prosperity and necessity for its enlargement if we wish to preserve the future wives and mothers of Japan from skeptical influence.

Our contribution we send to your society, to do with it as you think best. We are glad to work with you in the service of our Master, and trust He will bless what we have done. The name of our society, The Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church, Port Richmond. It was organized April 7, 1884, with ten members. It now numbers eighty with an average attendance of twenty-six. We hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, and our annual meeting on the first Wednesday in April. On the tenth of this month we sent you through our church treasurer, seventy-five dollars; this added to the twenty-five sent in November makes our annual contribution one hundred dollars.

Philadeldhia First and Second Reformed Churches.—Secretary's Report. At the close of another year of service in the inter-

ests of our Father's Kingdom, we pause to glance at some of the visible results. Wherein we have succeeded, aided by His Holy Spirit may we thank God and take courage, and where in we have failed or been lacking, may we trust for pardon through the merits of His Son.

Although the year has been bright with the sun-shine of God's blessing, yet we have twice been called into the shadow of affliction. For the first time since our organization, eight years ago, the Angel of Death has visited our little company. Mrs. Ellen A. Chapman, our beloved and faithful Secretary was at all times and in all ways deeply interested in this work for our Master.

Mrs. Wm. H. Rorer was one of the most active in organizing the Society and she was most zealously earnest in supporting every interest connected with mission work. Concerning the work of the Auxiliary, the past year shows constant growth both in interest and in amount of money raised. We hold meetings once each month with an average attendance of fifteen out of a roll of twenty-one managers. The Mission Sociable was held. The sales from the Missionary Basket—adding a goodly sum to our Treasury. Mrs. E. A. Booth was with us in November and our hearts burned within us as we listened to the story of the wonderful progress of the Women of that "Land of the Rising Sun" toward the glorious light of the Sun of Righteousness. The Young Ladies Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church, which works in connection with the Ladies Auxiliary reports another happy and prosperous year. They report over fifty annual contributors of whom twenty-six young ladies are active members, meeting once in two weeks at each others homes, and spending the afternoon in sewing and in reading news from Missions.

Although we feel we have given but our mite, yet we have sent it in our Master's name, and have found it a blessed privilege to do for Him whatsoever our hands found to do.

Passaic, N. J., North Reformed Church.—The secretary reports as follows: The society has held during the year eleven

meetings. Our three Foreign Mission Fields, China, India and Japan, have received careful attention and study. In December, 1886, we had with us Miss Fisher, who had been in Syria. In April, 1886, the missionary society known as the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions and Auxiliary to Board of Domestic Missions, met and organized as the Missionary Society of the North Reformed Church. Owing to delay in getting to work our contributions to the various Boards are not, perhaps as large as usual. At present, we have in the treasury fifty-four dollars for Foreign Missions. The money will be devoted to a scholarship in the Sturges Seminary at Nagasaki, Japan. Thus closes the first year of the Society, but we believe and pray that the new year may open with renewed interest in the work.

Pompton, N. J. Reformed Church.—"The fourth anniversary of this Auxiliary was held Sabbath morning, March 30th, and an unusually large audience enjoyed the excellent address by the pastor.

This Society, which has a membership of forty-two, continues its interest in the Mission work at home and abroad. Meetings are regularly held once a month; and are rendered occasions of much enjoyment, through letters received from various Missionaries, as well as those from the Catechist and Bible-reader, whom this Auxiliary continues to support.

Besides the regular monthly fees, missionary boxes are distributed, even among those not members of the Society, and including a "birth-day box" the total receipts this year have amounted to one hundred and two dollars and fifty four cents; of which more than two-thirds is used for foreign work.

Passaic, N. J. Reformed Church.—"Helen E. Aycrigg Mission Band." "Just a little less than a year ago we organized as a Mission Band. It has been a year of great success, and our hearts are full of grateful love to Him who has helped and strengthened us throughout. We call ourselves the "Helen

E. Aycrigg Mission Band," in memory of one who was greatly interested in all things connected with missions.

Her mother, Mrs. Aycrigg, gave us ten dollars, and promised to continue each year as a memorial.

Our first meeting was marked by the attendance of eight members; now our record shows an increase of thirty.

Our one effort during the year in the shape of a "Fair," was a wonderful success, all our friends were so kind in helping us, our clear gain was one hundred and sixty-five dollars. We have enjoyed very much reading the letters and leaflets sent us by our dear friend, Mrs. Amerman. At a special meeting called in December, with Dr. Gaston's help, we decided to dispose of two hundred dollars by educating a student in Japan, sending fifty dollars to a needy church in the west, and the remainder to the fund which Mrs. Booth is trying to raise to purchase the land on which Ferris Seminary stands. We feel greatly encouraged with our success, and as we begin a new year wish for more earnestness in our work. We pray that we may be brought nearer to Him, and be the means of bringing at least a few souls to His fold.

Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.—In presenting this our sixth annual report, we feel that we have no cause for distrust or discouragement. We greet this, our sixth anniversary, with the same joy and thankfulness (if not with quite the same enthusiasm) as we did our first one. We feel this to be a vital part of our church work, and there are those connected with this society whose love for the mission cause, and steadfast perseverance in every good work would not allow them to falter or look back; there are others who do not know by experience the satisfaction of being co-workers with Christ in this blessed cause. To these we would earnestly and affectionately say: "Come with us and we will do thee good." The quarterly meetings are well attended though not largely, but the faithful few continues to pray for God's blessing on the work. The gifts of the Society are at present for the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama. Letters have

been received from Miss Louise Winn, and Chinada Kashi (one of the native teachers); they proved very interesting. Also articles giving information concerning different mission fields have been read, giving encouragement as to the progress and benefit of this work. As we learn of the wonderful achievements of this blessed gospel in heathen lands, and our faith looks forward to its ultimate triumphs, when "the Lord shall be King over all the earth," we rejoice that our feeble efforts make one of the little rills that, flowing on with many others, will help to form that mighty stream that shall make glad the whole earth with the joyful tidings of salvation.

Paterson, N. J., Second Reformed Church of Totowa.—The Secretary of this Auxiliary reports as follows: "The Auxiliary of the Second Reformed Church of Totowa held its third annual meeting in the bible class room, on Monday, March 7th, 1887, eighteen members present. The money collected from missionary boxes, and members' fees amounted to fifty-two dollars, sixty-four cents to be divided between the two Boards."

Plainville, N. J., Bright Hope Mission Band, Ref. Ch.—The Secretary writes: This year we have had but few meetings on account of rainy weather, but our "Box" is full and our number has increased from eight in 1880, to seventy in 1887, and many have become co-workers with Christ by confessing their faith in him. Our Band has grown so! At Christmas we added some grown-up gentlemen to our list of active members; we are aged from five to thirty years, and all work together in the sweetest harmony. Chlun, our pupil at Amoy has become a Christian and is to be married to a native minister there. Thank God for that great seal of blessing on our seven years of little work for him.

Raritan, N. J., Third Reformed Church.—The Secretary reports, "The past year has been one in which the usual effort and methods have been put forth in the interest of Foreign Missions.

We report fifty-six contributing members though a comparatively small number attend our monthly meetings and

do the active work of the Society. Our little band is a recognized and important help in the mission work and benevolence of the Church with which we are connected.

Since our last report we have secured contributions to the amount of one hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty-six cents part of which was sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board early last summer and part has just been forwarded.

Our prayers go with our gifts that God will use them for His glory, and in the future enable us to do much more for Him.

Raritan, Ill., Reformed Church.—The Secretary says, "We still keep up our monthly meetings, but our number grows smaller all the time, and yet we are not discouraged for by the efforts of the few, we have been able to send off a larger amount of money than ever before. At our monthly meetings we do well if we have five present.

Spring Valley, Reformed Church.—This Society has held nine meetings during the year, and upon most of these occasions fresh intelligence has been received from our mission fields and others, either through the church periodicals or the private letters of Missionaries. The membership at present is twenty-five. A loss has been felt in the sudden death of an estimable sister, Miss Eliza A. Lansing, recently welcomed to the membership of the Society, but though her name thus quickly drops from the muster-roll here it is traced in lines of living light upon the ever growing roll of those which are written in heaven.

In the work of annual canvassing the District visitors have made one hundred and twenty-three calls.

At the last Anniversary the Rev. Dr. Cobb gave the Society a very interesting and edifying address consisting of a sketch of the work of Christian Missions during the century;—and the amount and expenditure by our churches yearly.

The Rev. Mr. Booth of the Isaac Ferris Seminary, Japan, addressed the Society in October, and was listened to with much interest as he set forth the urgent need of educating

the women of Japan, and the beneficial results already attained by the efforts thus far made in their behalf. The interest awakened by his presence although he made no direct appeal for help resulted in a contribution from the church of thirty-eight dollars for Ferris Seminary. The Secretary writes that in view of the fact that the regular Church and Sunday School collections for Foreign Missions have been decidedly in advance of previous years. She feels justified in looking with thankfulness upon the amount obtained by the Society for Foreign Missions during the year—comparing favorably with the preceeding year. The Pastor has giving to the Society a number of Missionary lectures and readings relating to many Mission fields.

In conclusion "another year of opportunity is numbered with the past. Our knowledge of the world's sore need has been increased; and time and money have been given by us for its relief." Can it be said by each one of us "She hath done what she could"? While we realize that individual gifts and efforts are, to the universal need like drops to the ocean, we may yet draw encouragement from the fact that a sufficient number of drops will make an ocean.

To the children of our Church do we look with brightest hopes for effective mission work, and the speedy evangelization of the heathen masses. They are doing much now, but in a few years, they will be emphatically the army of workers. Heathen mothers put offerings into the hands of their babes when they present them to their gods. Those children can never look back upon a time when they made no offerings to their Deities. The minds and hearts of children are enlisted in a good cause much more easily than those of their elders, and it is a notable fact that when an interest in any good work is aroused in a company of children, their perseverance and fertility of resource in its prosecution are fully equal to, and often go far beyond what is manifested by those who started them in their efforts.

Saugerties Reformed Church Reports: Monthly meetings have been held at residences of members, except in the summer

months. The smallest number present at any one meeting was seven, the largest number thirty-eight. Our meetings usually consist of scripture reading, prayer, the reading of letters from our native teacher, "Cornelius," or from ladies engaged in work in foreign fields, and in reading selections from various missionary papers and books. At one meeting medical work among Hindu women was discussed. At other times a special country and its resources for Christ would be studied.

Our December meeting was rendered especially delightful by the presence and words of Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain, who gave a deeply interesting account of her work in Arcot, and exhibited specimens of lace-work done by native women, also of native women's costumes.

Realizing the truth that the more earnestly we work for a cause, the dearer that cause is to us, our president, Mrs. Edward Bigelow, has suggested that we prepare a Christmas box of fancy articles for the scholars in some foreign missionary school. This will give us a definite object to work for, and will, we hope, call out a larger attendance at our meetings.

Somerville Second Reformed Church—The secretary reports as follows: It is a pleasure in reviewing the year and sending a report of our society, to be able to state that it has increased both in numbers and in interest. We have held quarterly meetings during the year, at three of which we have been favored with addresses, at the first one, by Rev. C. H. Pool, of Raritan; the third by Rev. Dr. Cobb, Secretary of the Board; the fourth, our pastor, Rev. E. G. Read.

With earnest prayers for the success of the work, which is not ours, but His whom we serve, I am sincerely yours,—

Somerville First Reformed Church.—This Auxiliary in closing its work for the year, gladly report somewhat of an increase in contributions as well as in interest in foreign missions. The membership has increased and the outlook for the year to come is encouraging.

Schenectady First Reformed Church.—The secretary writes as follows: We are entering upon the eleventh year of work in the Woman's Auxiliary of our church. Our meetings have been made very interesting through the energetic efforts of our retiring president, (Miss C. Boardman.) We have had an illustrated lecture on India by Mts. Leitch, formerly of Ceylon. Many articles of interest have been read upon the subject of missions, special attention having been given to the work of our church. The amount sent to the Woman's Board was seventy dollars, (\$70).

We close the fiscal year regretting it has been so short, but trusting that more may be accomplished in the year to come. The following lines closed our president's address, which she kindly consented to let me send in connection with this report:

"AT LAST THE DAY IS BREAKING."

Up! for the day is breaking.
 God's light on land and sea;
 The star and crescent waking
 The children's shackles free.

Up! for the noon is streaming
 God's smile on all the world.
 The children's faces beaming;
 His banner, Love, unfurled.

Up! for the Master calleth;
 Ripe is the harvest white;
 In God's garner. Lo! it falleth,
 In sheaves of golden light.

Now all the reapers gleaning,
 "Out in the meadow dews;"
 No time for idle dreaming.
 The day is almost through.

Lo! from the sacred pages;
 A voice most pure most sweet;
 Down through the mystic ages,
 Resounding clear and deep.

He that winneth souls shall shine
 As stars in heavenly blue;
 And in that day shall they be mine
 When from my jewels fair
 I deck my crown and diadem
 With these my gems most rare."

"Up! for our day is fading,
 The evening star burns low,
 The sunset-clouds are shading
 With brown and russet now."

Tarrytown Second Reformed Church.—We submit herewith the eighth Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society. The work of the Society has gone forward with earnestness and purpose, and though the contributions have not aggregated so much as in some former years, it has been owing to other circumstances rather than a lack of zeal.

The regular meetings have been held quarterly. In connection with these the ladies prayer meeting, which is held weekly, takes the subject of Missions for the topic of the first meeting in every month, and these meetings have been deeply interesting.

During the year past, some who have been members of the Society since its beginning and warmly interested in its success, have removed from Tarrytown, leaving this delightful Christian fellowship with its members, with deep regret.

Tappan Reformed Church.—The Secretary writes, "Our Auxiliary completed its third year April 1st, 1887, with twenty-seven names on the roll, the same as last year. There has been a loss of four and gain of four during the year. One member was lost by death, the first since our organization. In recognition of her efficient service in building up and carrying on the work of the Society we have made our President, a life member of the Woman's Foreign Board. Since our last report we have received particulars of our little girl at Madanapalle, India. Her name, Pa-sure-ba-stro-ma-ni, and means "Precious gem of heaven." She is between seven and eight years old

and is the youngest child of one of the Bible readers connected with the mission. We have her picture in native costume. Miss Scudder describes her as attractive in feature with large black eyes. We hope to see her life, consecrated to intelligent toil for Christ, a light to lighten some dark spot while at the same time it kindles other lights to carry the brightness of the Sun of Righteousness to other dark spots of the native land.

We have increased the number of our officers from two to four and will hereafter at each quarterly meeting choose a Committee who will prepare the programme for the next meeting. Printed circular invitations have been procured and each member will be personally notified of each meeting. We hope by this means to increase our average attendance. Missionary boxes were issued last year and their contents added materially to the amount collected. We remitted money twice last year and will continue to do so hereafter. Exercises at the meetings have been much the same as before. Our Pastor gave us a most instructive and stimulating address in December.

It is with thankfulness to our Lord that we present this report. He has given us good measure of blessing, and we hope in the coming year, to show the result of this blessing in a steady increase of intelligent interest and heaven directed zeal.

Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.—The Scudder Memorial of Upper Red Hook was gratified by the reception of a letter of greeting and God-speed from their pastor as they were holding their annual meeting in March. We celebrate our *tenth* anniversary this year and we enter the future line of work for the Master, our hearts warmer, our love stronger, our interests deeper than they were ten years, or even *one* year ago. Our greater knowledge of the mission fields and their needs, quickens our gratitude for home privileges and teaches us to say joyfully: "Truly the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." Meetings are held bi-

monthly, and are always of a social character. We find a cozy parlor gives a cheerful aspect to a mission meeting, and the comfort and brightness conveys itself to the hearts of the attendants. The study of foreign countries has proved a means of stimulating interest, for "knowledge is power," here as elsewhere. The society have studied Egypt, Japan, Turkey-in-Europe, and Turkey-in-Asia, during the past year. Topics are assigned on the geography, history, government, institutions and religions, leading up to the present state of missions in each country. The carefully written and condensed articles on these subjects have been very profitable.

Our links with the outside world have been through correspondence with Rev. Horace Randall, (Missionary to China) Rev. Carman Scudder and Mrs. John Conklin, both in India. There have also been received very gratifying letters from "Anna Josephine," (the society's protege), Mrs. Abraham William (a Bible reader supported by one of our ladies) and a native catechist; some of these being accompanied by the sheet in its original Tamil. A number of the members are subscribers to different mission periodicals, and from these and leaflets are furnished abundant reading matter for the meetings and for circulation. There have been two new memberships, but a death and a removal leave the number of names the same as before, *i. e.*, thirty-three (33). To sum up, though few in numbers, the cause is very dear, and the Holy Spirit has quickened our own souls and stirred us to greater consecration, while we were sending up our united prayers for our less favored sisters and brethren. Surely "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Warwick Reformed Church.—Sixth Annual report of the Woman's Missionary Society: This society has lost during the past year one member by death, one by withdrawal; has gained one new member, and has at present a membership of thirty-eight. It has held during the year a meeting each month, with an average attendance of thirteen. Although the meetings have not been largely attended there seems to

have been maintained a steady interest, and we desire to enter upon another year with an earnest purpose, feeling that we are personally responsible in the work of sending out the Gospel, and accountable for the opportunities given us for extending the Redeemer's kingdom.

Yonkers Ref. Ch.—A pleasant feature of our work during the year has been the occasional presence of our Pastor, who has opened the meeting with a Bible Exposition—drawing lessons for our greater encouragement from the Word of God, and making practical application of Bible truths. The Pastor has spoken to the ladies, urging the importance of an interest in the work of Missions; especially of the reflex influence upon themselves, the widening of their sphere of thought, the extending of their interests, taking them out of the *narrow circle of self*, and bringing them into the "Spirit of Missions."

The letters from our faithful Missionaries, received from time to time through the Secretary, have been helpful and stimulating, bringing us into closer sympathy with their efforts and trials in leading the heathen to forsake his idols of wood and stone and turn to the true and living God. Miss Scudder of Madanapalle, India, writes encouragingly of our young beneficiary in the School at that Mission, and of the glad prospect that she will ere long take a decided stand for Christ. Surely we can see God's hand leading us here; Is it not worth the little sacrifices we make to give the means that shall help transform this ignorant heathen girl into an educated Christian woman, thereby vastly increasing her capacity for usefulness among her own people? In February the Rev. Wm. Chamberlain son of our devoted Missionary to India addressed the Auxiliary in the most inspiring manner. Would that *his enthuseasm* had kindled the zeal of *many more* of our Christian women, and they had been moved by his soul-stirring words to give *practical recognition* of the truth by substantial aid in this, the *Master's work*.

A special invitation was sent to the ladies of the congregation last May, to attend a meeting to be addressed by Miss Fisher, formerly Missionary in Syria. Miss Fisher spoke to the ladies of the love of Christ constraining her to part from *home, parents, kindred and country, all that the heart holds dear*, for the elevation and conversion of her sex in a land where *woman* has been signally degraded. She related several touching incidents of which she was an eye witness in that historic land, where Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles lived, a land which witnessed the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord. The exercises were of deep interest, and hopes were entertained that a new impetus would be given to the work from this earnest appeal, and that it would be the means of drawing us closer to our Saviour, and uniting the members of the Society to work more earnestly for the conversion of heathen women and children.

Mrs. Chamberlain of India has visited us and spoken very feelingly to the Mission Band of her work in that country, encouraging the members to greater zeal and fidelity to the cause, stimulating them to renewed consecration. In March, 1887, the Yonkers Auxiliary completed its twelfth year as an Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and although we may not review these years of earnest work for the Master, we pause to utter the refrain of thanksgiving that is swelling up in our hearts as we recall the goodness of the Lord, and the continuous fulfillment of His precious promises. It has been with us a period of faith, effort and prayer. Financially we have been enabled to redeem our pledges made at the beginning and our contributions have been sustained. We have aimed to make our offerings a special ministry of womanly devotion to the Lord—and we can but hope that our efforts in this cause may not have been in vain, but that however humble the work done for Him who died for us, He will be pleased to set his seal of approval upon it, and some souls may hear of Jesus through our instrumentality.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

A Missionary Conference of the Classis of New York, was held Feb. 10th, in the Collegiate Church, corner of Fifth Avenue and 48th St.

The women representing the various Reformed Churches held a meeting in the afternoon of the same day, in the interests of Domestic and Foreign Missions. To awaken more interest among the women of these churches, they organized themselves into a union in missionary work, to be called, "The Woman's Missionary Union of the Classis of New York."

The object of this organization is, to bring the women of these various churches together; to let them hear from the officers of the several auxiliaries what each church is doing through its women for missions at home and abroad; thus giving a comprehensive survey of what this Classis is doing for Christ in these fields. By this means they hope to increase the working power of the church, and make it more intelligent and efficient.

[The following is the Constitution adopted by the Union]

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Woman's Missionary Union
OF THE
CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.



ARTICLE 1st.—This Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Union of the Classis of New York.

ARTICLE 2d.—The object shall be to stimulate an interest among the women of the Church, within the bounds of the Classis of New York, in the Missionary work—domestic and foreign, of our Reformed denomination.

ARTICLE 3d.—Any Missionary Auxiliary of any church of the Classis may identify itself with such Union by the payment of an annual due of one dollar.

ARTICLE 4th.—The Officers of the Union shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Advisory Board of five members.

ARTICLE 5th.—The duties of these officers shall be as follows: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Union.

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of her duties, and in her absence preside at all meetings;

The Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union; shall record the minutes of each meeting and publish a statement of such matters as are of interest to the church in one of the papers of the denomination.

The Treasurer shall perform the usual duties of the office and present a written statement of the finances at each annual meeting.

The Advisory Board with the officers of the Union shall compose an Executive Committee whose work it shall be to arrange for all meetings and direct the energies of the Union. Not more than two representatives from any single church shall be members of such Executive Committee.

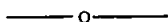
ARTICLE 6th.—The Union shall hold an annual meeting in the interest of Missions at such time and place as the Executive Committee may deem wise; and such other meetings as they may think expedient.

ARTICLE 7th.—The officers of the Union shall be elected to their respective offices at the close of each annual meeting.

Paper read at the Ladies Meeting held during the missionary Convention in the 12th Street Reformed Church, Brooklyn, October, 1886.

GOD'S METHOD

IN EVANGELIZING THE WORLD.



God's resources are unlimited. The means at His command, and His methods of using them to effect His purpose, are not to be measured in number or magnitude by any human calculation.

When considering the plan therefore, which God adopts in evangelizing the world, we cannot suppose that He is dependent on, or can be aided by any of His creatures. The Infinite Power that called something out of nothing, that brought heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, out of chaos, and breathed the breath of life into dead clay, could infuse spiritual life into every dead soul upon earth by a simple word of command; as once He said: "Let there be light,"—and there was light.—In the words of an eminent writer: "He acts with or without means, as He pleases. When He acts through means, it is a condescension; because the means receive all their efficiency from His power,—not His power from the means."

Now it pleases the Sovereign Owner and Ruler of the Universe to use His own creatures as agents in giving the glad tidings of salvation to them that are lost. And He manifests the wisdom of His method in the kind of agents He uses. These agents are possessed of the same nature and destiny as those who are to be saved. The inalienable and indestructible bond of sympathy which draws together those

whose nature, sufferings and destiny are the same, must necessarily be wanting between different orders of beings—however exalted or pure.

The angels of God, with adoring wonder, desire to look into the scheme of man's redemption:—a scheme in which all of Gods' attributes are blended. The angels of God rejoice over every sinner that repenteth:—but they are spirits ministering to the heirs of salvation,—not their brethren. When the new song is sung before the Throne; it is the redeemed alone who swell the mighty anthem: for none can learn that song, but those who have been redeemed from the earth. The principalities and powers in heavenly places—spotless in purity, exalted in rank, and mighty in strength—can never fully understand the anguish of a convicted soul, nor the bliss of a redeemed one.

To man therefore, who has himself tasted of the cup of spiritual death, and been raised therefrom to the joy of spiritual life, is the command given: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. "As in water, face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man." This proverb applies to man equally before and after his conversion. As two human faces are never exactly alike, and yet always bear to each other a resemblance which stamps them both as human; so does the heart of one man answer to that of every other;—as to its radical disposition and tendency—although temperament, education or place may and does produce differences which render each distinct from every other. An unconverted sinner is always and everywhere a hater of God, a servant of Satan, and an heir of eternal death. A converted sinner is always and everywhere a lover of God, an enemy of Satan, and an heir of eternal life.

We see the admirable adaptation of means to end, both as to the evangelizer and the evangelized. While the believer, conscious from personal experience of the hole of the pit whence he was digged, and of the joy of deliverance therefrom, is prompted by the law of sympathy to stretch forth his hand and pull his brother out of the horrible pit,—

the sinking, dying brother is moved by the efforts of one who, though now standing on a rock, was once sinking like himself. True sympathy is world-wide in its scope, and well-nigh irresistible in its power.

Here let us dwell for a moment upon that gem of Christian truth;—the sympathy of Christ. We refer you to Heb. ii, 14, 18, a passage familiar to all of us, and too lengthy to be inserted here. Before the stupendous facts contained in this passage, all other sympathy that can be named sinks into nothingness. The Divine Son, equal with the Divine Father in power and glory, stoops to take upon Himself the form and nature of His own creatures, in order that He may become capable of suffering and dying. He suffers and dies, and by so doing becomes capable of sympathizing with those who suffer and die. He was made (officially) perfect through suffering. We cannot fathom this great deep, but we can love and adore.

Let us bear in mind, however, that the sympathy of Christ although transcending all our powers of thought, is yet characterized by elements which are full of instruction as well as comfort to his followers. One of these, which bears directly and powerfully upon us, who to-day represent a large sisterhood of mission workers, is its practical nature. A venerable writer says in substance, as follows: "The noblest and most powerful form of sympathy includes action as well as feeling. This was pre-eminently the character of Christ's compassion when on earth. He was willing Himself to share the sorrow He came to soothe. From His practical sympathy we may derive lessons of holy instruction and streams of the richest comfort."

In considering God's method in evangelizing the world, we do not forget that man is but an instrumental agent employed to give the news of salvation to his fellow-man;—not the efficient agent to give spiritual life to those who are dead in trespasses and sins. It is the spirit that quickeneth. God alone can give life to the dead. But, inasmuch as He has chosen so to connect human instrumentality with His

saving work, and has made known His will by positive command, man's part in the great plan is not optional, but obligatory.

It is God's usual way of dealing with mankind—in nature and providence as well as in grace—to use human instruments when work to which they are competent is to be performed. We find it employed by Jesus when He raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. He who is the Resurrection and the Life needed no help to open his tomb or to disencumber him of his winding-sheet. But the Infinite Friend chose to have the stone taken away, and the grave clothes removed by men,—*work that man could do*. The same method was employed in His miracle of feeding the five thousand, when He gave the loaves and fishes to His disciples to distribute to the multitude.

This last instance may be considered not only a lesson to teach us, but an encouragement to cheer us while doing our part toward giving the bread of life to earth's famishing millions.

As the five barley loaves and two small fishes, in the hands of Jesus, satisfied the hunger of thousands on the hill-side near Lake Gennesaret, so may our small and feeble efforts result in giving living bread to multitudes who are languishing,—yea, perishing for lack of it. But, in order that we may reasonably expect such blessing upon our offerings, we must first bring them to Jesus; to be graciously accepted by Him. When once our barley loaves are in the hands of Him who is "Lord of the harvest" as well as the true "Bread of Life," He can make them the means of saving countless thousands from eternal death. The weakness or smallness of the instrument matters not, when it is God's own hand that wields it. Indeed it has pleased Him to use earthen vessels for the communication of His grace, in order that the exceeding greatness of the power may be seen to be of God, and not from ourselves." Still further, we see that sacred and profane history co-incide in showing that, often—like the lamps in Gideon's pitchers—the power is manifested only after the vessels are shattered and laid aside.

Man being finite, needs implements with which to work, What are the implements which he can use, and does use to bring about the grand consummation implied in the command of his Master: "Go ye— and preach the Gospel to every creature ?

As we are now contemplating those who have been bought with a price,—redeemed with the precious blood of Christ,— we unhesitatingly answer: "He uses everything at his command, as divinely appointed, to glorify the Lord that bought him, by rescuing his fellow man from the yawning pit to which he was himself hastening, when arrested by the voice of infinite mercy and love. But, to particularize, a christian brings to this work his prayers, his labors and his money. We also particularize as to the class of Christians we are now considering, One of our Foreign missionaries has remarked within the hearing of many now present, that in regard to Foreign mission work, all Christendom should be divided into two classes ; the *senders* and the *sent*. We are now considering the senders. With this in mind we remark that the three-fold implement of prayer, labor and money is the fountain whence two mighty agencies flow to bless the nations, viz; the Holy Scriptures and the living preacher.

An inspired preacher says, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Never was there a stronger illustration of this truth than the one we now contemplate: prayer, labor, money. Who shall attempt to estimate the power and value of this three-fold cord ? We instinctively decide, however, that the power and efficacy of the cord depend on its three strands being twisted into one. As wise would it be to trust our lives to one or two strands of a rope whose whole strength was needed to sustain our weight, as to content ourselves with prayer, labor, or money apart from each other, and expect that one or two of these things will accomplish the result which is obtained by the combined power of the three.

By saying this we do not mean to limit Him who has announced himself as the Hearer of prayer. It is certain that

He delights to answer the cry of His children, but it is also certain that He requires them to do their assigned part toward answering their own prayers. The devout youth who was found in his room praying for deliverance from the fire which had already made its walls hot, was justly told by his comrades to do his praying outside, while pouring water on the flames. It is certain that God was able and willing to give manna to His people for forty years in the wilderness, while they were powerless to provide food for themselves; but it is equally certain that when they had come to the borders of the land of Canaan, and had access to some of its abundant stores, He said to them, "Prepare you victuals." It is certain that God requires and blesses the giving of our money to him, for he says: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy vats shall overflow with new wine." But it is just as certain that money, considered by itself, does not insure His blessing, be the amount ever so great. We have an illustration of this in the case of the widow, who cast her two mites into the treasury, and Jesus said: "Verily, I say unto you, that this poor widow, hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury."

The wisdom of Gods' method in evangelizing the world, is equaled by its *beneficence*. The beautiful adaptation of means to end, that lights up the way in which God works, must be placed side by side with His loving-kindness toward those whom He has chosen to work with Him.

As the Former of our bodies and the Father of our spirits, He has endowed us with powers and faculties that grow in proportion to their exercise; and with a constitution according to which, we become happier in proportion to the happiness we endeavor to procure for others. No one doubts the truth of the first clause of this assertion;—concerning development—but the lives of thousands upon thousands testify to their unbelief or ignorance of the second clause, viz: the increase of our happiness in proportion to our endeavors after the happiness of others. The truth of it, however, is abundantly proved by both Scripture and providence.

"In keeping of them (Gods' commandments) there is great reward. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth. The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. It is more blessed to give than to receive." These are a few of the passages of Holy Scripture upon this point; and by taking another glance at the miracle of feeding the five thousand, we see a most interesting illustration of it. The loaves and the fishes which Andrew brought to the attention of Jesus,—and which he and the other disciples afterwards distributed to the hungry multitude had undoubtedly been depended on for their own evening meal. The blessed Master whose divine insight never fails to perceive the need of His faithful ones, and whose human sympathy fails not to relieve it, directed them to gather up the twelve basketsful of fragments that remained after the multitude was filled. Thus, instead of losing their supper, each disciple had a basketful of loaves and fishes.

When we turn from Scripture to our own observation and experience, the proof is legion. Says an ancient, quaint writer: "Every good action hath its sweet reflection upon the soul." And again: "The incomes that saints now enjoy in the ways of God, are so precious and glorious in their eyes that they would not exchange them for ten thousand worlds. If there be so much to be had in the wilderness, what then shall be had in paradise?"

We are all conscious of being specially interested in an object for which we have done something. This special interest will naturally be followed by additional efforts in the same direction, and thus, interest and effort will mutually stimulate and strengthen each other. It is therefore wise, as an initiatory step, to induce a man to give or do something towards a good object, if he is able, knowing that personal interest will follow the giving or doing, if it did not exist before. Many, if not all of us have read in a comparatively recent issue of the *Christian Intelligencer* the story of the father who had a missionary boat built and fitted out in memory of his dead boy. He said afterwards: "I never before felt any great in-

terest in Foreign Missions; but since that time it has seemed to me, that there is nothing in the world so noble, so heroic so Christ-like as the work of those men who have left home and all its comforts, to carry the Gospel to the heathen."

In view of the certain connection between interest and effort, we see the wisdom of enlisting *everybody* in the work.

As the breaking of cocoanuts over the dragging wheels of Juggernaut was followed by the vigorous pull of each offerer, before the unwieldy monster moved, we feel sure that the combined strength of the multitude, put forth in that mighty *pull*, had quite as much to do with their success, as the streams of cocoanut milk that flowed over the wheels. And we therefore conclude that the same number of cocoanuts, offered by one man, and by him broken over the wheels—would not have moved the idol-car from its place. While we may correctly infer from this that a thousand dollars for missions will do more good, if contributed by a thousand men, than by one, yet the fact remains that this good work can be multiplied a hundredfold—a thousand-fold—by the multitude of Christians who are able to send in their "elephant-loads and their ship-loads," *in addition* to the cocoanut for each man.

Surely, we cannot fail to see that Foreign Mission work is eminently adapted to develop the powers and increase the happiness of the Mission-worker; nor need we add that what has thus far been read to you concerning the duty and privilege of winning this lost world to Christ, applies with equal force to the *men* and *women* of Christendom. But were we to stop here, the paper would be very incomplete on an occasion like this.

Let us therefore allude, as briefly as possible, to "Woman's work for woman." While the work of Foreign Missions as a whole, requires the entire strength of Christendom for its prosecution, special parts of the work cry aloud for special workers. Among the many thoughts here crowding upon us for utterance, we will take time to touch upon only a few of the principal ones.

One is: woman's peculiar fitness to work for woman. Her keen perception, her lively sensibilities, her persistence and tact in effort, her patience in endurance and hope, are some of the qualities which peculiarly fit her for this work. Moreover the mighty, universal law of human sympathy which has been already considered, takes on new strength when applied to "woman for woman." If it be true that this sympathy can be fully experienced only between members of the human race, emphatically true is it, that one special portion of the race is united together by bonds of sympathy peculiar to itself; which must remain forever unknown to any other portion. Woman's constitution, temperament, infirmities, trials and sufferings can be thoroughly understood and appreciated, only by woman.

Another thought is: that millions of women will never hear of the blessed Redeemer unless their sisters tell them. By the laws and customs of many if not all, of the heathen nations, their women are shut in beyond the reach of male Missionaries. Into these homes of indescribable ignorance, pollution, degradation and suffering,—inhabited by *our sisters*—Christian women have gained an entrance. Their work has been, and continues to be a blessed one. Our time will not allow us to recount, nor attempt to recount the grand results already attained. Such a recital alone would more than fill up the hour. But, blessed be God, we know that in thousands of such homes, the blackness of heathenish darkness has been removed and replaced by the light of the "Glorious gospel of Christ," and that multitudes of souls, once wallowing in sin, have been cleansed by His precious blood.

We linger a moment to notice the beautiful connection between the two facts here considered, viz: The workers who alone can gain access to the work, are the ones peculiarly fitted for it. These two considerations, and the constantly increasing realization of them explain the urgent and ever increasing demand for female medical missionaries.

We must not forget in this connection to glance at the beneficent effects produced upon the workers themselves.

Says a recent writer; "If this nineteenth century movement (in the cause of missions, with reference to woman's work), had had no other result than the reactionary one on the workers, it would be worth all it had cost." Says another, who has for years been deeply and practically interested in the cause: "If I were simply going to consult the good of my own family, I would take the course I have taken." I doubt not that every mission worker now present can join in bringing abundant testimony from her own sphere of operations to confirm the truth of these utterances.

And what shall we say of the motive power which should impel every Christian woman to work for the salvation of her heathen sisters?

One powerful motive is found in the first two points just considered. Among all the departments of labor that this busy world holds out to its inhabitants, the fact that a certain one can be most advantageously filled by a certain class of laborers, is a loud call to that class to enter it. If, in addition, this kind of labor can be performed by no other class, it is considered an irresistible pointing of Providence to that class.

Another powerful motive is found in the fact that woman, in heathendom as elsewhere, however degraded, always exerts a molding influence upon the home, and, as a necessary consequence, upon the community and upon the State. In elevating woman, therefore, we cleanse the streams of life at their fountain head.

Still another constraining motive is the state from which Christianity has rescued *us*. The blessed Gospel of Christ, which is to be preached to "every creature," is the same priceless boon that saved us from the degradation and woe in which our heathen sisters are sunk to-day. Just as far as vital, unadulterated Christianity takes possession of a people, just so far are its women restored to the place occupied by their first mothers in Eden. Eve was a helpmeet for her noble husband: a companion without whom he was incomplete; with whom humanity was perfect; a part of himself, taken

from his side, to *remain there* ; not to be put over his head or under his feet.

Knowing what woman was when she came from her Maker's hand, what she now is where Satan reigns supreme, and what she may again become under the full rays of the Sun of Righteousness,—do Christian women need any further incentive to pray, to labor, and to give for the restoration and salvation of their sisters who dwell within the deepening shadow of eternal death?

Let us, in concluding, consider God's usual mode of dealing with his people when they fail to employ all the means at their command, for receiving and imparting good. In a parable which is familiar to all of us, those servants who faithfully used the talents entrusted to them, obtained the warm approval of their lord, besides having their talents doubled, and receiving the promise of much greater things in the future. But the one who made no effort to use the little he had was denounced by his lord and his unused talent was given to him who had ten already. ° We also recall the admonition given to the church of Ephesus. The toil, the suffering, the patience and integrity witnessed among them hitherto, would not prevent their candlestick from being removed out of its place if they did not repent and do the first works, and return to their first love.

And now, with the light of precept, promise, parable and Providence shining full, in these latter days, upon us who seem to be standing almost within the vestibule of the coming glory, can we forbear making a practical application to our own beloved Church?

During the last few years comparatively, we have been pained from time to time, by the urgent appeals of young men who were wishing and waiting to be sent to preach the Gospel to the heathen. In one case, the preacher was sent after long waiting. In another case, he was obliged to relinquish his purpose of going abroad, and he took a pastorate in our own State. In still another case, the applicant, after

repeated vain endeavors to reach the Foreign field, under the maintenance of our Church, enlisted under the banner of another regiment of God's host.

Then, prayers were abundant, and labors were not wanting: but money was kept in the pockets of God's people, instead of flowing in copious, grateful streams into the treasury of the Lord. *Now*, in the face of a vast heathen multitude that clamors for the bread of life, and—what is incomparably worse—of the silent myriads who are dwelling in darkness so profound that they do not even grope after light; for they know of no light,—in the face of all this, our venerable Church is to day mourning the lack of a sufficient number of prospective preachers to supply even the Home field.

Is not God's hand in this? If we withhold the money to send the men whom He has placed to our hand, may we not reasonably expect Him to withhold the men, as a mark of His displeasure? We must faithfully employ—not prayer, labor *or* money; but—prayer, labor *and* money; and “God will bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us.”

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Brooklyn East District Reformed Church, L. I.

Brooklyn Bedford Reformed Church L. I.

Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.

Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.

Bushnell Reformed Church, Ill.

Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.

Bloomington Reformed Church, N. Y. City.

Buskirk's Reformed Church, N. Y.

Bergen Point Reformed Church, N. J.

Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.

Caatsban Reformed Church, N. Y.

Closter Reformed Church, N. J.

Coxsackie Second Reformed Church N. Y.

Clarksville Reformed Church, N. Y.

Claverack Reformed Church, N. Y.

Canastota Reformed Church, "

Constantine Reformed Church, Mich.

Centreville Reformed Church, Mich

Canajoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.

Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.

Colt's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.

Cohoes Boght Reformed Church, N. Y.

Cedar Grove Reformed Church, Wis.

Cohoes Reformed Church, N. Y.

Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.

East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.

Easton Reformed Church, Pa.

Ebenezer Church Holland, Mich.

Ellenville Reformed Church, N. Y.

Esopus Reformed Church, N. Y.

Flatbush Reformed Church, L. I.

Fishkill Reformed Church, N. Y.

Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.

Freehold Reformed Church, N. J.

Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.

Fairview, Illinois Reformed Church.

Farmer Village Reformed Church, N. Y.

First Collegiate Church, Harlem.

Franklin Park Reformed Church, N. J.

Fordham Reformed Church, N. Y.

Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.

- Fulton Reformed Church, Ill.
 Fallsburgh Reformed Church, N.Y.
 Fishkill-on-Hudson Ref'd Church,
 N. Y.
 Gifford Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Grand Haven, Mich., Ref. Church.
 Greenport Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Greenpoint Reformed Church, L. I.
 Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.
 Ghent First Reformed Church, N.Y.
 Grace Ref. Church, New York City.
 Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.
 Guilderland Centre Reformed
 Church, N. Y.
 Grahamsville Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Grand Rapids Reformed Church,
 Mich.
 Griggstown Reformed Church, N.J.
 Gibbsville Reformed Church, Wis-
 consin.
 Hackensack First Reformed Church.
 N. J.
 High Bridge, N. J. Ref. Church.
 Hopewell Junction Reformed
 Church, N. Y.
 Holland, Mich., Four Churches.
 Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Harlem Reformed Church, N. Y.
 High Bridge Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 High Falls Ref'd Church, N. Y.
 Herkimer Reformed Church, "
 Hampton, North and South, Pa.
 Holmdel Reformed Church, N. J.
 Hope Church, Holland, Mich.
 Irving Park Reformed Church, Ill.
 Jamaica L. I. Reformed Church.
 Jersey City First Reformed Church,
 N. J.
 Jersey City Second Reformed
 Church, N. J.
 Jersey City Lafayette Reformed
 Church, N. J.
 Jersey City Park Reformed Church,
 N. J.
 Jersey City Bergen Reformed
 Church, N. J.
 Jersey City South Bergen Reformed
 Church, N. J.
 Jersey City Memorial Mission Band,
 Lafayette Church, N. J.
 Jerusalem Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Kingston Second Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Kalamazoo Reformed Church,
 Mich.
 Kerhonkson Reformed Church.
 Knox Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Leed's Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Lisha's Kill Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Linlithgo Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Lodi Reformed Church,
 Lawyersville Reformed Church, N.Y.
 Mount Vernon Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Mott Haven Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Middleburg Reformed Church,
 N. Y.
 Middletown Reformed Church,
 N. J.
 Mahwah Reformed Church, N. J.
 Middlebush Reformed Church, N.J.
 Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Millstone Reformed Church, N. J.
 Montville Reformed Church, "
 Montrose Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Metuchen Reformed Church, N. J.
 Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Newark First Reformed Church,
 N. J.
 Newark Clinton Avenue Reformed
 Church, N. J.
 Newark Second Ref'd Church, N.J.
 Newark North Reformed Church,
 N. J.

New Brunswick First Reformed Church, N. J.

New Brunswick Second Reformed Church, N. J.

Newburg Reformed Church, N. Y.

New Hackensack Reformed Church N. Y.

New Paltz Reformed Church, N. Y.

North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.

North Branch Depot Reformed Church, N. J.

Niskayuna Reformed Church, N. Y.

Neshanic Reformed Church, N. J.

Nyack Reformed Church N. Y.

Northumberland Reformed Church, N. Y.

New Durham Ref'd Church, N. J.

New York Fifth Avenue and 48th Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.

New York Fifth Avenue and 29th Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.

New York Fourth Street Collegiate Church, N. Y.

New York North Collegiate Church, N. Y.

New York 34th Street Reformed Church, N. Y.

New York Madison Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.

New York Sixth Avenue Reformed Church, N. Y.

New Utrecht Reformed Church, L. I.

New Hurley Reformed Church, N. Y.

New York City, Fifth Avenue and 21st Street Reformed Church.

New York City, Prospect Hill Reformed Church.

New Brunswick, Suydam Street Reformed Church, N. J.

New Baltimore Reformed Church, N. Y.

Owasco Outlet Reformed Church, N. Y.

Orange Reformed Church, N. J.

Overisel, Mich. Reformed Church.

Owasco Reformed Church N. Y.

Oakwood Reformed Church, L. I.

Oostburg Reformed Church, Wisconsin.

Paterson First Reformed Church, N. J.

Passaic North Reformed Church, N. J.

Paramus Reformed Church, N. J.

Paterson, Broadway Ref. Ch., N. J.

Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Reformed Church, Pa.

Pompton Plains Ref. Church, N. J.

Preakness Reformed Church.

Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church, N. Y.

Poughkeepsie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.

Poughkeepsie First Church, Y. P. M. S., N. Y.

Pella Reformed Church, Iowa.

Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.

Peapack Reformed Church, N. J.

Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.

Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J.

Pattersonville First Reformed Church, N. Y.

Pompton Reformed Church, N. J.

Port Jackson Reformed Church, N. Y.

Port Richmond, Staten Island Reformed Church, N. Y.

Paterson N. J., "Second Church of Totowa."

Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.

Raritan Reformed Church, Ill.

Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.

Readington Reformed Church, N. J.

Ridgewood Reformed Church, N. J.

Somerville 2d Reformed Church,
N. J.

Schoharie Reformed Church, N. Y.

Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.

Schenectady First Reformed
Church, N. Y.

Stuyvesant Reformed Church, N. Y.

Syracuse Reformed Church, N. Y.

Schraalenburgh Reformed Church,
N. J.

Spring Valley Reformed Church,
N. Y.

Somerville First Reformed Church,
N. J.

Somerville Second Reformed
Church, N. J.

Shokan Reformed Church, N. Y.

Stuyvesant Falls Reformed Church,
N. Y.

Schenectady, Rotterdam Reformed
Church, N. Y.

Tarrytown First Reformed Church,
N. Y.

Tarrytown Second Reformed
Church, N. Y.

Thousand Isles, Alexandria Bay
Reformed Church, N. Y.

Tappan Reformed Church, N. Y.

Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.

Upper Red Hook Reformed
Church, N. Y.

Unionville Reformed Church, N. Y.

Vriesland Reformed Church, Mich.

Vischer's Ferry Reformed Church,
N. Y.

Verplanks Missionary Society,
N. Y.

Warwick Reformed Church, N. J.

West Troy South Reformed Church
N. Y.

Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.

Waldron Reformed Church, N. Y.

Westerlo Reformed Church, N. Y.

Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.

Zeeland Reformed Church, Mich.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions,
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

RECEIPTS.

May 1st, 1886. Balance on hand.....		\$3,471 94
Acquackanonek, N. J. Auxiliary.....	200 00	
Helen Aygriff Mission Band.....	160 00	
	<hr/>	360 00
Albany, N. Y., First Ref. Auxiliary.....	125 00	
“ “ “ “ S. School.....	20 00	
“ “ “ “ G. Rule Band.....	57 50	
“ “ “ “ Miss Van Schoonhoven.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	212 50
“ “ Third Reformed Auxiliary.....		39 40
“ “ Madison Ave., Reformed Aux.....	183 00	
“ “ Miss Van Woerts class same Church.....	3 50	
“ “ Boys' Club.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	216 50
Alexandria Bay N. Y.....		23 50
Athenia, N. J., Band of Workers.....	3 00	
“ “ Centreville Church.....	10 25	
	<hr/>	13 25
Amity, N. Y.,.....		25 00
Astoria, L. I., Auxiliary.....		53 25
Bacon Hill Busy Bees.....		37 00
Belleville, N. J. Auxiliary.....		40 69
Bergen Auxiliary.....		27 00
Bergen Point Auxiliary.....		62 66
Bethlehem “.....		33 11

Bronxville Aux.....	20 00	
" Star of Hope Miss. Band	20 00	
	<hr/>	40 00
Buskirks Bridge Mission Workers.....		16 00
Bushnell Ill. Auxiliary.....	26 26	
" " Willing Workers.....	17 10	
	<hr/>	43 36
Boght Ref. Church Aux.....		11 00
Brooklyn, L. I., First Ref. E. D. Aux.,.....	125 00	
" " " Crystal Society.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	185 00
Brooklyn L. I. Church on the Heights.....		250 50
" " South Reformed.....		49 00
" " 12th St.....		60 00
Guatsban Auxiliary.....	105 00	
" " Sunday School.....	65 00	
	<hr/>	170 00
Canajoharie.....		36 00
Catskill, N. Y.		128 00
Chatham.....		70 00
Claverack Miss. Band Willing Workers 1st Church.....		5 00
Cedar Grove Wis. Work and Praying Band.....		65 00
Centreville Mich.....		32 07
Closter, N. J. Aux.....		22 70
Cohoes, N. Y. " 		65 50
Colts Neck, N. J. " 		30 00
Clover Hill, N. J. " 		50 00
Coxsackie 1st Reformed Church Aux		37 00
" 2d " " " " 		85 00
Easton, Pa. Auxiliary.....		26 75
Ellenville, N. Y. " 		75 74
Esopus " 		20 00
Fallsburg, N. Y. " 		17 24
Flushing, L. I. Aux.....		20 00
Fonda, N. Y.....		37 18
Farmer Village, N. Y.....		35 27
Fairview, Ill.....		21 00
Feechold, N. J.....		70 00
Flatbush, Ulster Co. N. Y.....		19 27
Flatbush, L. I.....		186 25
Franklin Park, N. J.....	160 00	
" " " Missionary Guild.....	71 77	
" " " Taylor Mission Band.....	10 12	
	<hr/>	241 89

Beacon
Fishkill

Fishkill on the Hudson Aux.....		50 00
" Aux.....	40 00	
" Sunday School.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	60 00
Fulton, Ill.....		21 60
Gravesend.....		120 02
Greenbush East N. Y.....		21 00
Greenville, N. J.		212 03
Greenpoint, L. I.....		50 00
Greenpoint Col. Co. N. Y. Aux.....	32 25	
" " " Red Hill Chapel.....	60 00	
	<hr/>	92 25
Griggstown, N. J. Aux.....	37 82	
" " Self Denial Mission Band.....	37 50	
	<hr/>	75 32
Gibbsville, Wis.....		80 00
Ghent, N. Y.....		45 00
Grand Rapids, Mich. 4th Church Little Children		7 00
Hackensack, N. J. 1st Ref.....		200 00
Harlengen, N. J.....		
Herkimer, N. Y.....		27 86
High Falls Church of the Clove.....		100 00
Helderbergh Aux.....	50 00	
" " Scudder Band.....	18 00	
	<hr/>	68 00
High Bridge Union Ref.....		86 25
Hopewell Aux.....	70 90	
" Three Ladies.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	90 90
Hampton North and South		73 81
Holmdel, N. J.....		50 00
Holland, Mich. Aux. three churches.....	64 85	
" " Young Ladies Society.....	25 00	
	<hr/>	89 85
Hudson, N. Y. Aux.....	127 19	
" " Mission Band.....	17 40	
	<hr/>	144 59
Jamaica, L. I.		33 24
Jersey City Wayne St. Aux 2d Ref.....	95 55	95 55
" Lafayette Church Aux.....	108 00	
" Memorial Miss. Band.....	62 50	
	<hr/>	170 50

Jersey City Heights, Bergen Ave Ref	227 41	
" " " Bergen Ref. Nellie Amerman Mission Circle.....	28 20	253 61
Kalamazoo, Mich.		64 00
Kerhonkson, N. Y. Mission Band.....		50 00
Kingston Fair St. Aux.....	69 05	
" Mrs. C. H. Still.....	5 00	74 05
Kiskatom.....		31 46
Linlithgo, N. Y.....		18 00
Lishas Kill, N. Y.....		30 00
Lodi, N. Y.....		10 00
Leeds, N. Y.....		7 50
Mahwah, N. J.....		55 74
Metuchen, N. J.....		18 35
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.....		75 00
Montville, N. J.....		60 00
Mott Haven, N. Y. St. Paul's		80 00
Middlebush.....		15 00
Millbrook, N. Y.....		18 72
Nassau, N. Y. Aux.....	68 64	
" " Sunbeam Mission Band	30 00	98 64
Niskayuna, N. Y.....		30 00
Neshanic		30 00
Newburg, N. Y.....		220 00
New Baltimore.....		48 51
New Durham, N. J. Grove Church Aux.....		30 00
New Hurley, N. Y.....		13 50
New Paltz, N. Y. Aux.....	89 29	
Miss Esther Eltinge.....	5 00	94 29
New Utrecht, Aux.....	184 94	
" " Young man per Aux. for Medical Missionary ..	37 40	222 34
Newark, N. J. 1st Ref. S. School.....		35 00
" " 2d " Ready Helpers		15 00
" " North Ref. Aux.....	130 00	
" " " Bible and Missionary Class	52 00	
" " North Ref. Infant Classs.....	60 00	
" " " " Birthday Offerings	5 00	247 00

Orange, N. J.	50 00	
Overisel, Mich.	93.79	
Owasco Outlet	5 00	
Paramus S. School.	17 35	
Passaic, North.	60 00	
Paterson 1st Ref. Aux	15 00	
" " " Mission Band	23 52	
		38 52
Paterson 2d Totowa.		26 32
Peekskill Aux. 10 00, Mission Band 10 00.		20 00
Pella, Iowa 2d Ref Aux	50 90	
" " Band of Little Workers	126 22	
		176 22
Piermont, N. Y.		32 52
Plainfield, N. J. Trinity Reformed Aux.		10 50
Princeton, N. Y.		20 00
Port Jackson, N. Y.		35 85
Pompton, N. J.		70 00
Philadelphia, Pa. Aux.	210 36	
" " 2d Ref. S. School	100 00	
" " " " Aux.	35 00	
		345 36
Poughkeepsie 1st Ref. Aux.	170 00	
" " " Young Ladies Society	60 00	
" " " Miss Alice Dockstader	60 00	
		290 00
" 2d " Auxiliary		71 50
Raritan, N. J. Aux.		135 00
Raritan, Ill. Aux.		51 0
Readington, N. J.		123 80
Rochester, N. Y.		30 00
Rotterdam, West.		30 00
Saugerties, N. Y. Aux.	62.37	
" Mission Band	10 00	
		72 37
Schenactady " 1st Ref. Aux.	70 00	
" " 1st " Griffin's Band	124 00	
		194 00
" " 2d " Aux.		21 57
Somerville, N. J. 1st "		80 05
" " 2d "		100 00
Schoharie, N. Y.		20 00
Stuyvesant, "		27 00
Spring Valley, N. Y. Aux.		53 64
Schraulenburg, N. J. Aux.		3 0

Staten Island, Port Richmond, Aux.....		115 00
" " Brighton Heights "		75 00
Tappan, N. Y. Aux.....	24 63	
" S. School.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	34 63
Tarrytown 1st Ref. Aux.....		55 00
" 2d " "		95 00
Unionville, N. J. Bright Hope Miss Band.....		20 00
Utica, N. Y. Aux.....	141 25	
" " Christ Church S. School.....	30 00	
" " A lady.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	201 25
Upper Red Hook, N. Y. Scudder Memorial.....	40 00	
" " Mrs. Eltinge.....	30 00	
	<hr/>	70 00
Verplanck, N. Y.....		8 00
Warwick, N. Y.....		54 00
Walden Aux. 42 68. Willing Workers.....	5 50	48 18
Westerlo Aux. 6 00. S. School 1 26.....		7 26
Wyckoff, N. J.....		26 00
Yonkers, N. Y. Aux.....	130 00	
	40 00	
	<hr/>	170 00
Zeeland, Mich. Aux.....	20 00	
" " Married Women Society.....	105 00	
	<hr/>	125 00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mrs. Adams per Miss Bergen.....	1 00
Miss Bergen.....	1 00
Freddie Woods Birthday offering.....	1 00
A friend for the Jonathan Sturges Seminary.....	2200 00
A friend Montclair.....	8 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Walker in memoriam Little Martha.....	20 00
Rev. John L. Stillwell.....	25 00
H. H.....	5 00
Thank offering "J".....	3 00
Editress Mission Gleaner.....	20 00
Receipts from subscription to Mission Gleaner.....	274 85
Advertisements in Mission Gleaner.....	20 00
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	314 85
Christmas offering Miss Amy Duryee.....	50 00
Miss Mary O. Duryee in memoriam.....	100 00
Miss A. Van Wagenen.....	10 00

Unknown.....	24 16
A friend from Albany.....	5 00
A.....	7 50
F. R. M.....	30 00
Mrs. Mary C. Van Brunt.....	5 00
" J. H. Van Doren.....	5 00
" Charles Van Wyck.....	5 00
	<hr/> \$20,812.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 1,	Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D. D.	5 00
" 4,	" "	34 40
" 14,	" "	65 00
" 18,	" "	50 00
" 19,	" "	2776 30
" 21,	" "	10 00
" 29,	" "	2200 00
June 3,	" "	35 70
" 16,	" "	60 00
" 26,	" "	23 33
" 29,	" "	340 00
" 30,	" "	40 00
July 2,	" "	150 00
" 2,	" "	5 00
" 14,	" "	60 00
" 16,	" "	3 00
" 21,	" "	113 00
" 27,	" "	100 00
Aug. 3,	" "	215 30
" 27,	" "	47 00
Sept. 11,	" "	500 00
" 10,	" "	30 00
Oct. 6,	" "	130 00
" 9,	" "	53 00
" 11,	" "	27 00
" 12,	" "	50 00
" 16,	" "	17 35
" 23,	" "	25 00
" 25,	" "	60 00
" 26,	" "	50 00
" 27,	" "	76 00
" 29,	" "	30 00
Nov. 9,	" "	251 00

Nov.	10,	Rev. H. N. Cobb, D.D.,	13 51
"	11,	"	400 00
"	20,	"	12 91
"	27,	"	21 73
Dec.	10,	"	100 00
"	14,	"	188 80
"	15,	"	560 00
"	22,	"	19 00
1887		"	173 00
Jan.	1,	"	35 20
"	6,	"	165 00
"	8,	"	20 00
"	8,	"	30 00
"	11,	"	50 00
"	12,	"	
"	19,	"	17 20
"	20,	"	30 90
"	21,	"	20 00
"	31,	"	40 00
Feb.	3,	"	30 00
"	8,	"	60 00
"	9,	"	20 00
"	15,	"	45 65
"	17,	"	1,330 00
"	18,	"	27 00
"	24,	"	47 40
Mch.	1,	"	100 00
"	1,	"	20 00
"	4,	"	25 00
"	5,	"	30 00
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"	9,	"	354 00
"	11,	"	20 00
"	12,	"	980 00
"	17,	"	70 00
"	19,	"	60 00
"	24,	"	60 00
"	25,	"	45 00
"	26,	"	388 00
"	29,	"	35 00
April	1,	"	42 67
"	2,	"	110 00
"	5,	"	187 86
"	5,	"	214 00

April 7,	Rev. N. Cobb, D.D.,	90 00	
" 9,	" "	87 00	
" 9,	" "	330 00	
" 9,	" "	27 00	
" 9,	" "	53 40	
" 15,	" "	20 00	
" 15,	" "	2,312 35	
" 18,	" "	50 00	
" 22,	" "	5 00	
" 25,	" "	27 09	
			<u>\$16,858 15</u>
Rev. J. M. Ferris, D. D.....		71 29	
Total payments to Synods Board.....			<u>\$16,929 44</u>
June 22d	Mr. R. Brinkerhoff, for reports, etc.....	250 62	
Nov. 24	" " Stationery secretaries.....	13 90	
1886			
May 25th	Hatch Lithographic Co.....	11 50	
" "	Roger & Sherwood Printers Mission Gleaner....	249 00	
" "	Editress Mission Gleaner.....	100 00	
May 25th	Postage and Wrappers, Mission Gleaner	11 51	
" "	Agent's Allowance.....	30 06	
Nov. 16	Rev. Eugene S. Booth, Organs, etc.	350 00	
" "	Postage and Stationery treasurer.....	8 00	
			<u>1,015 53</u>
Total.....			<u>\$17,944 97</u>
Cash Balance May 1886.....		\$ 3 471 94	
Total Receipts since " "		\$17 340 87	
			<u>20,812 81</u>
Total disbursements			<u>17,944 97</u>
Total balance			<u>2,867 84</u>
Medical Mission Balance.....		367 40	
General " "		2,500 44	
			<u>\$2,867 84</u>

Mrs. Peter Donald, Treasurer.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts and compared the vouchers and finds the same correct. The Balance in the treasury, April 25, is two thousand eight hundred and sixty seven 84-100 dollars, of which three hundred and sixty seven 40-100 dollars is the Medical Missionary Fund.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

New York, 9 May, 1887.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America," and its central point of operations shall be in the City of New York.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed to this Society, subject to the approval of the Board, in the appointment of missionaries supported by this Association, and in fixing their locations and salaries. To the furtherance of this end, it shall also endeavor to organize similar associations in all Reformed Churches, and these associations shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and shall report their work to this Board at such times as the By-Laws may direct.

ART. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

ART. 4. The business of this Board shall be conducted by thirty Managers, each of whom shall be a member of an Auxiliary society. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Board, who may be present at the annual meeting; and shall organize on the first Tuesday after their election, by selecting from their number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall have power to elect not more than twelve honorary Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members, when the object of the Board can be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ART. 5. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and two other Managers, to be elected annually. This Committee shall have

power to transact such business as may require attention in the intervals between the stated meetings of the Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, at which time the Managers shall report to the Association the operations, conditions, and prospects thereof; and an election shall be made of Managers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of the Managers.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Managers shall hold their stated meetings on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, at eleven o'clock, A. M., at such place as they shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the request of five members.

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.

ART. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office, and shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

ART. 4. A Vice-President shall perform, in the absence of the President, all the duties of her office. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and Managers, which shall be read for correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this Association. They shall prepare the annual report of the Managers; and Missionaries supported by this Association shall report to them.

ART. 8. The Corresponding Secretaries for the home field shall correspond with the churches, and propose the organization of Auxiliary societies, wherever it is possible to awaken an interest in the work for which this Association is formed.

ART. 9. Auxiliary societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Managers, through the Corresponding Secretaries, on or before the first Tuesday in April.

ART. 10. Any Manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings, without giving notice of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

ART. 11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

The following Constitutions are recommended for adoption. They can be modified and adapted to the circumstances of different localities:

CONSTITUTION
FOR
AUXILIARIES
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called _____ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of _____ annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows :

The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society.

The Secretary shall give notice of meetings, shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, *on or before the tenth day of April*, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

ART. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the —, and an annual meeting on the —, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.

DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young ladies, formed to aid the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall be called a "Mission Band," and shall be Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Woman's Board.

2. Each Band shall be responsible for at least \$20 each year.

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly.

4. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Band. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and shall make an Annual Report to the Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all sums contributed, paying the same, at least once a year, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

6. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

1. An association of children, remitting yearly not less than five dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall constitute a "Mission Circle."

2. Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name, and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Woman's Board.

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

"We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the Missionary Box, and to come together once a month, to hear about Missions, and to work for the cause."